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## 30,000 IN ANTI-FASCIST WORK STOPPAGE

### S. F. Labor Council Kills Move Against 'Western'

#### REACTIONARIES FAIL TO OUST VISITORS, W. W.

Mask for Labor-Splitting Was Intent of Anti-Democratic Move

(See Editorial, Page 4)

SAN FRANCISCO—The delegate from the Newsboys' Union, which is preparing to go on strike for its demands, said: "Of course, the four daily papers won't print anything about this." Hugo Ernst, Culinary Union Int'l vice-president, said: "I never saw an accurate report in the Western Worker."

And the San Francisco Central Labor Council voted 174 to 152 to reject a resolution brought in by a group of reactionary delegates, including Urney of the Electricians, Williams of the Theatrical Employees, Morrison of the Bartenders, and others, which would have excluded all visitors to council meetings and would have barred reporters from the Western Worker and other labor papers, but admitted capitalist press reporters, including Hearst.

**Kidwell Hit Resolution**  
The labor-splitting, union-smashing reactionaries got behind the resolution, which was moved by McLaughlin of the Teamsters Union, and are obviously trying to block future publicity of their plans of future expulsions of unions from the labor body, and their gangster tactics against local CIO unions.

"I'm against the policy of excluding the general public from labor meetings," declared George Kidwell, of the Bakery Wagon Drivers, attacking the resolution. "And I'm against that section which privileges certain newspapers and excludes others. This (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

#### WAREHOUSEMEN WIN, SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO—Wage increases ranging up to 100 per cent were won by San Diego Warehousemen, ILA 38-120, last week after the men had voted unanimously to strike if demands were not granted.

The victory affects all drug warehouses in Southern California and establishes a virtual closed shop and the 44-hour week. Acting in conjunction with the San Diego warehousemen was ILA 38-133, the Los Angeles warehouse workers.

Next group to be organized here will be the ice and cold storage employees and the ice-warehouse drivers.

#### Liberty League's Hope for a CIO Split Is Blasted

DENVER, Colo.—"Absolutely no foundation for the story," was the answer of Int'l Typographical Union President Charles P. Howard to rumors printed in the New York Herald Tribune that Howard and five other CIO leaders were on the verge of a split with John L. Lewis.

That the wish is father to the thought for the Liberty Leaguers is seen from the fact that the Herald Tribune ascribed the "split" to Lewis' political policies.

### Calif. Plans for Nat'l Job March

L.A. Workers' Alliance in Demand for Removal of Connolly, Dillon

LOS ANGELES—Members of the Workers' Alliance here will carry their fight for better living conditions to Washington, D.C., when they begin a march on the nation's capital August 14. Albert Helms, Alliance organizer has announced.

Part of a nation-wide march on the capital, under the leadership of the National Workers' Alliance, the unemployed workers will take to President Roosevelt, national relief leaders and Congress, their demands for re-instatement of all dismissed WPA workers and a 30 per cent increase in wages.

As a result of the refusal of Colonel Donald H. Connolly and Major Lee Dillon, local WPA heads, to see a committee from the Alliance last week, when more than 6000 persons paraded here to demand jobs and relief budget increases, a telegram had been sent to President Roosevelt, Helms declared.

Protesting the "bureaucratic officials" and the "un-American politics" of Connolly and Dillon, the telegram demanded the immediate removal of the two men.

#### No Chance for Ryan On Pacific Coast

A Pacific Coast CIO vote of 11,441 to 3349 for affiliation with the CIO apparently means nothing to Joseph P. Ryan, Int'l ILA president. Ryan has appealed to ILA locals on the West Coast for a split, urging them to stay out of the CIO.

Ryan's splitting goes to the extent of offering to issue charters to even small groups within in locals who desire such flimsy charters.

**Ryan's Chances Are Nil**  
The Marine Cooks and Stewards Union last Thursday night voted overwhelmingly (92-2) to reject dumping of the ballot on CIO affiliation. Under the influence of Harry Lundberg, headquarters branch of the Marine Firemen last Thursday again voted to dump the CIO ballots, even though an official count had shown the headquarters vote to be 816 for affiliation, 40 against.

In announcing that the Sailors Union had "rejected" affiliation with the CIO, Harry Lundberg on Monday used the same line of attack as men like William Green, Joseph P. Ryan and Edward Vandeleur. "The CIO is not democratic," he said. Despite the overwhelming vote for CIO affiliation by the SUP members, a vote which was never allowed to be counted, Lundberg said the "Sailors want to decide their own problems for themselves," implying that the Sailors would be injured under the CIO.

#### 88 Pct. of Railroad Crafts Vote Strike

WASHINGTON—Eighty-eight per cent of the 14 non-operating railroad unions membership of 800,000 have voted to strike if necessary to win their demands for a 20 cents an hour wage increase, announced George M. Harrison, spokesman for the unions and president of the Brotherhood of Railway & Steamship Clerks.

### CHINA CENTRAL TROOPS GO TO PEIPING FRONT

Chiung Declares China to Throw Military Might Against Japan Army

MOSCOW—The Soviet Government has ordered its Charge d'Affaires in Tokyo to deliver a strong protest to the Japanese government against the Japanese inspired raid on White Russians on the Soviet Consulate General in Tientsin.

NANKING, China.—Five divisions of Chinese nationalist troops, combined with the 29th Route Army and other military units from the Peiping-Tientsin area, placed themselves opposite the Japanese Kwantung Army in North China in preparation for a counter-offensive.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, head of the Chinese national government, announced definitely that China would hurl all its military strength unreservedly against the Japanese in China.

The movement of the central government's troops, itself of major significance, accompanied numerous other important indications of fast-developing national unity in China, including:

1. An appeal by Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek, wife of the head of the government and influential in her own right; "China has not declared war or resolved upon war of its own will. This war was forced upon us. But our answer is irrevocable. China will fight and win."

**Patriots Released**  
2. Release of seven leading Chinese patriots who were being tried on charges "anti-Japanese" agitation a trial which brought a widespread campaign of sympathy for their action and demands that they be released.

3. General Ju-Keng, traitorous Chinese governor of the Japanese-controlled northeastern area of Hopei province, was captured by Chinese militia on their retreat from the Peiping area.

**Last Soviet Consulate**  
Japan organized a deliberate looting attack on the Soviet consulate, using White Russian mercenaries as agents. Soviet authorities immediately protested, charging the raid was inspired, if not organized, by the Japanese.

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#### Four Freed!—Save the Other Scottsboro Boys



"THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS SHALL NOT DIE!" For almost seven years, this cry echoed from coast to coast, building up more and more mass pressure, and scored a tremendous victory last week when four of the boys were set free. They are shown here in the office of their attorney, Samuel Leibowitz (center), the day of their arrival in New York from an Alabama jail. At left: Willie Robertson and Eugene Williams; to right of Leibowitz, Roy Wright and Olin Montgomery. These boys have pledged to devote their lives to the freeing of the five Scottsboro boys still imprisoned, one under death sentence.

### SPAIN ARMIES ON OFFENSIVE IN TWO AREAS

Moorish Troops Revolt in Granada Adds Weakness To Franco Armies

MADRID—Loyalist Spain, triumphant after holding its gains on the Madrid front in the face of the most powerful counter-attack yet put forth by the fascist armies, has taken the offensive on two other important fronts, Teruel and Oviedo.

The Spanish government learned of new outbreaks in the fascist armies, this time with Moorish troops in conflict with the Italian officers, with furious fighting taking place in fascist-held Granada. The Italian command executed a large number of Moorish leaders and participants.

**Trade Union Unity**  
Loyalist Spain, on the other hand, showed many signs of strengthened unity.

Definite and emphatic support of the Negrin government was voted by a joint committee set up by the two national trade union bodies, National Confederation of Workers (CNT) and General Confederation of Workers (UGT). The action not only supported the Negrin government but also certain Anarcho-Syndicalist (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

#### Powerful Union All Set, NMU Meet Ends

NEW YORK—With a powerful industrial union launched, and a democratic constitution written by the rank and file, the first convention of the National Maritime Union is ended.

The next convention will be held two years from now, in New Orleans.

The convention, in its final day, elected nine delegates to the national unity convention of the unlicensed sea-going crafts, called by the CIO for Chicago on August 30. Later a national convention of both licensed and unlicensed crafts will be held in Chicago, to form a National Maritime Federation.

The Chicago national unity conference of unlicensed crafts was postponed from August 16 to August 30, so that the Pacific Coast maritime unions could formulate policies regarding the expansion of their present agreements, Mervyn Rathbone, secretary of the CIO Maritime Committee here announced.

#### Hathaway Will Speak in Calif.

Clarence Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker and Sunday Worker, will speak in California in two rallies in November, celebrating the 20th anniversary of the October Revolution and the establishment of the Soviet Union.

Final confirmation of this was received last week in San Francisco.

Hathaway will speak at Dreamland Auditorium in San Francisco on Saturday evening, November 6, and in Los Angeles on Sunday, November 7.

### ILA RENEWS AGREEMENT

Longshoremen Stronger Than Ever Under CIO

Stronger and more unified than ever through CIO affiliation, the Pacific Coast District of the Int'l Longshoremen's Association has been able to bring about renewal of its agreement for another year.

Both longshoremen and shipowners have announced that neither will give notice of modification or termination of the agreement which went into effect last February following the 99-day maritime strike.

In the ILA letter to Almon E. Roth, president of the Waterfront Employers Assn. of the Pacific, Bridges pointed out the change in name of the ILA to the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

The agreement was to expire on September 30.

Meetings of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, Marine Firemen, Marine Cooks and Stewards, Masters, Mates and Pilots and Marine Engineers this week are to take up the question of whether or not to open up agreements of these unions or to seek modifications.

Under the existing agreement, the ILA won, through the 99-day strike, the six hour day and the union hiring hall (preference of employment.)

#### S. S. Companies Before Labor Bd.

SAN FRANCISCO—The National Labor Relations Board will start hearings here on August 11, on the refusal of the American Hawaiian Steamship Co. and its affiliate, the Oceanic and Oriental Navigation Co., to recognize the National Order of Masters, Mates & Pilots.

### FIRST S. F. CIO MEET SUCCESS --500 ATTEND

Conference Passes Vote to Fight Co. Union Efforts Of Vandeleur

SAN FRANCISCO—More than 500 delegates and observers attended the first general CIO conference, held in Knights of Columbus hall here last Sunday.

Temporary officers of the conference, which was declared not in any sense a new labor council or industrial council, were elected. They are: chairman, Dalrymple, California CIO director; vice-chairman, Roy Pyle of the American Radio Telegraphers Assn.; secretary, Louis Goldblatt of the Int'l Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Assn.

**Protection of Small Unions**  
Purpose of the meeting was explained by Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast Director of the CIO. He outlined the progress of the CIO in the West and stressed the necessity of protecting small unions, now sympathetic or affiliated to the CIO, from membership raids and "beefs squads" of the AFL bureaucracy.

The meeting resolved to fight the efforts of Edward Vandeleur, state AFL secretary, to form company unions, particularly in the agricultural field.

Support Filling Station Union Full support of the CIO to the Filling Station, Employees Union, CIO, was pledged by the delegates. Teamster "goon squads" have been attempting raids on this union.

Publicity matters were turned over to the temporary officials of the conference, with provision for an enlarged publicity committee to be formed later comprising delegates from affiliated and sympathetic unions.

**Demand Showing of Film**  
Delegates voted to demand showing of the Paramount news reel depicting the murder by police of 10 men steel strikers in South Chicago last Memorial Day. The meeting was informed that local theater owners had refused to ask for the film, which is available at any time.

Attending the conference were five delegates from the East Bay CIO Industrial Council.

Date of the second conference meeting was set for August 15.

#### RUBBER CONVENTION

AKRON—The United Rubber Workers of America convention will be held at Akron, Sept. 12-18. Delegates from Canada will be in attendance for the first time.

### MARITIME FED. IN SOLIDARITY. ACT FOR SPAIN

SF Nazi, Italian Consulates Picketed; Work Halted By Teamsters in SF

In a one-half hour stoppage of work Monday, maritime workers of the Pacific stood more firmly than ever in support of the Spanish people's fight against invading Italian fascists and German Nazis, and in support of the illegal trade unions of Germany and Italy.

From 2 to 2:30, work stopped on all waterfronts from San Diego to Canada to demonstrate this international solidarity, under the banner of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific.

All men came off the ships and through the dock gates to congregate in front of the piers. It was estimated that 30,000 workers took part in the demonstration, the other 10,000 members of the Federation being at sea.

**Teamsters Halted Work**  
In San Francisco, union teamsters on the waterfront stopped their trucks promptly at 2 p.m. as the picket lines formed in front of the piers.

"It's a good strike," one rank and file longshoreman declared to a Western Worker reporter, expressing the general sentiment of the workers. "We ought to have one about once a month just to show Hitler and Mussolini they can't get by with that baloney helping Franco murder the Spaniards."

Another longshoreman remarked: "I've got a pal fighting for the Loyalists. I'm going to write him and tell him about this strike. Us guys ought to do more than we're doing to help the Loyalists."

**"CIO Stuff"**  
"I've got a shipmate in the Lincoln Battalion," said a seaman. "Damned glad we pulled this strike."

"The CIO backs stuff like this, but not the phonies in the AFL," said another stevedore. "Me for the CIO and to hell with Franco."

At 2 p.m. a picket line of 100 was set up at the German consulate in San Francisco, under the auspices of the ILA Auxiliary, the Maritime Federation and the American League Against War and Fascism. The German consul refused to see the delegation which filed a resolution of protest against Nazi intervention in Spain.

**Picket Fascist Consulates**  
Proceeding to the Italian consulate, the pickets set up another line. Six women heavily dressed in black walked behind a young boy carrying a sign which read:

"We mourn the loss of the Spanish children killed by Fascist Italian bombs."

A delegation left a resolution in the consulate protesting Italian intervention in Spain.

The half-hour anti-fascist work stoppage was authorized by a resolution adopted by the recent convention of the Maritime Federation in Portland.

#### Hawaii Plantation Workers Score 1st Victory in Strike

HONOLULU, T. H.—The four month child plantation strike at Maui ended in victory here last week when demands of Filipino workers were granted by the sugar barons.

It was the first victory of plantation workers ever won on the islands and it includes a 100 per cent wage increase.

Instrumental in helping the workers win the strike was Grover Johnson, International Labor Defense counsellor. The Hawaiian Islands Federation of Labor backed the walk-out. Johnson flew to the Islands some time ago after many of the strikers had been arrested in a terror drive loosed by plantation owners.

## L. A. Forms "Friends of the Western Worker Club"--- Forward to a Daily!

LOS ANGELES—Carrying on the enthusiasm of the Western Worker Sub Drive, 19 leading Press Builders in Los Angeles County last Friday night, July 30, founded the first Friends of the Western Worker Club in Southern California.

Elected temporary chairman was I. Schrier, Los Angeles' champion Press Builder who obtained 50 subs during the recent Drive. Comrades Schneider, Strobel, Byron, Sherwood, and Freedman were elected as a provisional committee for preparatory work

in founding the club.

High spirit marked the meeting as charter members pledged themselves to obtain 150 more subs to the Western Worker by September 1st.

Paul Cline, Communist Party county organizer, sent the following letter to the meeting:

"On behalf of the county committee of the Communist Party we wish to extend our hearty thanks and appreciation for your

excellent work in preparing the Press Builders' Congress on July 17 and 18.

"The Press Builders' Congress was an outstanding success and we know that it was made possible largely through your untiring and devoted efforts. We know that you feel as we do that the outstanding success of the Congress is a satisfactory reward for the effort put forward by yourselves."

The Press Builders stressed necessity for continuing the drive to obtain subs in preparation for the Daily Western Worker on

January 1.

One comrade, Rae Solomon, declared her branch, Eastside Section, has already begun raising money. With a pledge to raise \$400 adopted last week, her unit has obtained collection lists and pledge cards and is "hard at work."

Determined not to let any slack occur in building the "Western," all 19 charter members unanimously voted to hold a second meeting on Friday evening, August 20, and to have at least 50 persons to join the club.



# L. A. -- GRAFT -- S. F.

## INVESTIGATORS OF VICE MAY PICKET DENS

L.A. Mayor Makes Gesture By Formal Recognition Of Committee

LOS ANGELES — With a threat to picket gambling and vice joints in answer to Mayor Frank Shaw's virtual refusal to acknowledge the fact that vice conditions exist in Los Angeles, the Citizens' Independent Vice Investigation Committee last week aroused new interest in the city's problem of organized graft.

The committee threatened in a statement of Chairman Clifford Clifton, that "As a last resort we will maintain a department of citizens' pickets who will picket gambling places, vice dens, etc., if they are not closed."

From having first attacked the committee as "snooper," "sensational hunters" and "discredited politicians," the mayor suddenly executed a somersault and "recognized" the committee as an official city committee.

**Defends Police**  
But the mayor in immediately subsequent statements hurried again to the defense of the police department and to discredit vice charges in advance. He had "faith" in Police Chief James E. Davis, though underbudgeted and undermanned, will not fail us.

**Retorted Clifton:**  
"Gambling and prostitution exist because they are protected. Who is doing the protecting and where the protection money goes we do not know. We intend to find out."

Clifton emphatically declared that his committee will not be satisfied with formal recognition. "We will cooperate," he said, "unless it becomes clear that the proper officials refuse to do so. By that refusal we mean refusal to do anything about the situation, not refusal to say that vice conditions and gambling will be eliminated."

Chief of Police Davis, however, would not even make the gesture put forward by Mayor Shaw.

"I am not going to assume any civil responsibilities for the self-constituted committee," declared the Chief, an injured character in the Shaw political machine.

For the second time within three weeks U. S. Webb, state attorney general, stepped into the scene and ordered District Attorney Buron Fitts to "turn on the heat" against gambling and vice.

Little heat, however, emanated from that source. Henry A. Dietz, appointed by Webb as special agent, issued a statement saying that "... it has been shown that ... in the city limits of Los Angeles ... the city has not kept pace with the county in cleaning up gambling and allied matters."

**Shaw Denial**  
Shaw would only deny reports that the attorney general had pressed the city administration for action, declaring that Dietz' statements in the press were not communicated to him.

"The Citizens' Independent Vice Investigation Committee includes the Rev. R. P. Shuler, Dr. John P. Buckley, Mrs. U. S. George, Mrs. Louise Blatherwick, James B. Agnew, Clifford Clifton and Dr. A. M. Wilkinson. While it threatened to picket some of the more obvious vice spots, the United Church Women's Committee, of which Mayor Shaw had earlier hastened to give his approval, had given the public none of the information which it claims to have, including a list of 110 houses of prostitution and gambling establishments."

**Concession Halts Musicians' Strike**

NEW YORK—American Federation of Musicians officials last Saturday withdrew their call for a nation-wide strike against radio stations and agreed to meet with radio executives again September 16.

## LABOR PAPERS CHARGE SUPPRESSION OF FILM SHOWING CHICAGO MASSACRE

WASHINGTON — Widespread suppression of the Paramount Newsreel of the Chicago Memorial Day massacre of 10 steel workers is taking place, according to labor papers.

The newsreel, which was shown the LaFollette civil liberties committee, showed the cold blooded manner in which strikers, attempting to peacefully picket the plant of the Republic Steel Corp., on Memorial Day, were shot down from behind and clubbed. It was made public only after concerted pressure on the Paramount company.

**Conspiracy Against Truth**  
The Minnesota Leader, official organ of the Minnesota Farmer-

## "I Collect for The Higher-Ups"

LOS ANGELES — When George K. Thornton, former Equalization Board agent, was arrested in Santa Barbara for taking a bribe to reinstate a Santa Barbara cafe owner's liquor license, he said: "Why do you arrest me? This money isn't for me, it is for the higher-ups and I'm only the collector."

The arrest was made and this testimony was given by District Attorney's investigator Lloyd Yarrow. It was intimated last Friday, when Yarrow revealed Thornton's plea, that Attorney General Webb may also be subpoenaed.

## SAN DIEGO A.F.L. OFFICIALS HEAD "GOONS" IN RAID

Try to Break Up Meet of CIO Cannery Union

SAN DIEGO—Headed by E. H. Dowell, AFL organizer and John Lydick, a "beef squad" of 20 raided a meeting of the CIO cannery workers union at Germania hall here last week and attempted to break it up.

The "beef squad" slugged its way through the crowd and seized a file of letters and "prospector cards." It is assumed Dowell and Lydick will attempt to use this material in setting up another Vandeleur's company union for cannery workers.

Most of the cannery workers at the meeting were Spanish-speaking.

## Wash. AFL Heads Try to Hit CIO

TACOMA, Wash.—When 1000 employees of the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Co., members of the Sawmill and Timber Workers' Union, declared their support of the recent Woodworkers Convention, reactionary officials of the Int Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners declared a boycott against material from the mill.

At the Woodworkers Convention the lumber workers voted to join the CIO.

Teamster officials declare they will not allow lumber to be hauled from the mill. C. M. (Whitey) Dahlager, district organizer, declared Teamsters would not transport lumber from "any CIO mill."

Because of the AFL action, a tieup of the mill, the city's largest, is threatened.

## CIO Asks Election In L.A. Laundry

LOS ANGELES—The filing of a petition with the National Labor Relations Board for a collective bargaining election in the Morgan Laundry 915 North Yale St., with a complaint of violations of the Wagner Labor Act, was announced by Mike Shulman, secretary of the CIO Laundry Workers' Union Local 35, last week.

Shulman charged the company with intimidation of workers against joining the union by threatening them that privately hired detectives would ferret out names of all union members.

**Workers Were Threatened**  
The company also discouraged their employees against joining the union with promises of a \$2 a week raise if they remained unorganized, Shulman added.

He also pointed out that workers were informed they would lose their jobs if they disobeyed the company's edicts.

Shulman said 75 per cent of the 200 workers employed in the plant are members of the union and that they would definitely strike if the election is not held.

Shulman announced starting of an organizational drive in Venice and Ocean Park August 2.

## M'DONOUGH'S AIDE UNDER JURY PROBE

Accuse Jury Tampering In Abortion-Murder Trial in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO — George Poulney, right-hand aide to Pete McDonough, the "fountainhead of corruption," was indicted last Thursday by the grand jury on charges of attempted jury tampering. Bail was fixed at \$2500 cash or \$5000 bonds.

SAN FRANCISCO. — While Mayor Rossi's administration continued to treat the recent grand jury exposure of vice-conditions as virtually a dead issue, vice investigators demanded another indictment affecting the notorious McDonough Bros. bond business.

The grand jury was scheduled to meet Monday evening to consider charges against George Poulney, McDonough aide, of jury tampering in the abortion-murder trial of Dr. Claude C. Long.

**Bribe Offered**  
Henry Truax, juror, accused Poulney of offering Judge Sylvain J. Lazarus, who is presiding over the Long trial.

Truax said he was told by Poulney: "You can make some money out of this case."

When he replied "the subject does not interest me," he charges Poulney further warned: "Don't do it. It would be wrong if you did."

**Fight License for McDonough**  
Despite the Mayor's apparent willingness to let all charges connected with the recent exposure cool off with a minimum of further comment, vice-investigators continued a barrage against the McDonough firm and prepared to enter immediate protest when McDonough applies for a permit to conduct his business under new regulations imposed by state law.

It was expected that he would be forced, through inability to prove "good moral character," to operate through a dummy concern nominally headed by one of his present henchmen.

## Packing Co. Must Obey Labor Act

SAN FRANCISCO—Attempts of the Santa Cruz Fruit Packing Co. to "get around" the Wagner Labor Act, failed here last Saturday when the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Congress can regulate interstate commerce even though a small percentage of a concern's output actually crosses state lines. The decision upheld the National Labor Board ruling, on charges brought by the Warehousemen's Union.

**Co. Must Now Obey Board**  
The court action was brought to compel the company to obey orders of the board to stop anti-union activities against its employees.

The majority opinion, written by Judge Wm. Denman, held the company had admitted dismissing workers because of activities in the Warehousemen's Union. In a separate concurring opinion, Judge Bert E. Haney declared it unimportant "whether 90 per cent or only 1 per cent of it (outgoing shipments) actually moves in interstate commerce."

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Presiding Judge Curtis D. Wilbur dissented from the decision. When the act was upheld by the Supreme Court, the company then maintained it was exempt from federal regulation, as no more than 39 per cent of its product moved in interstate commerce.

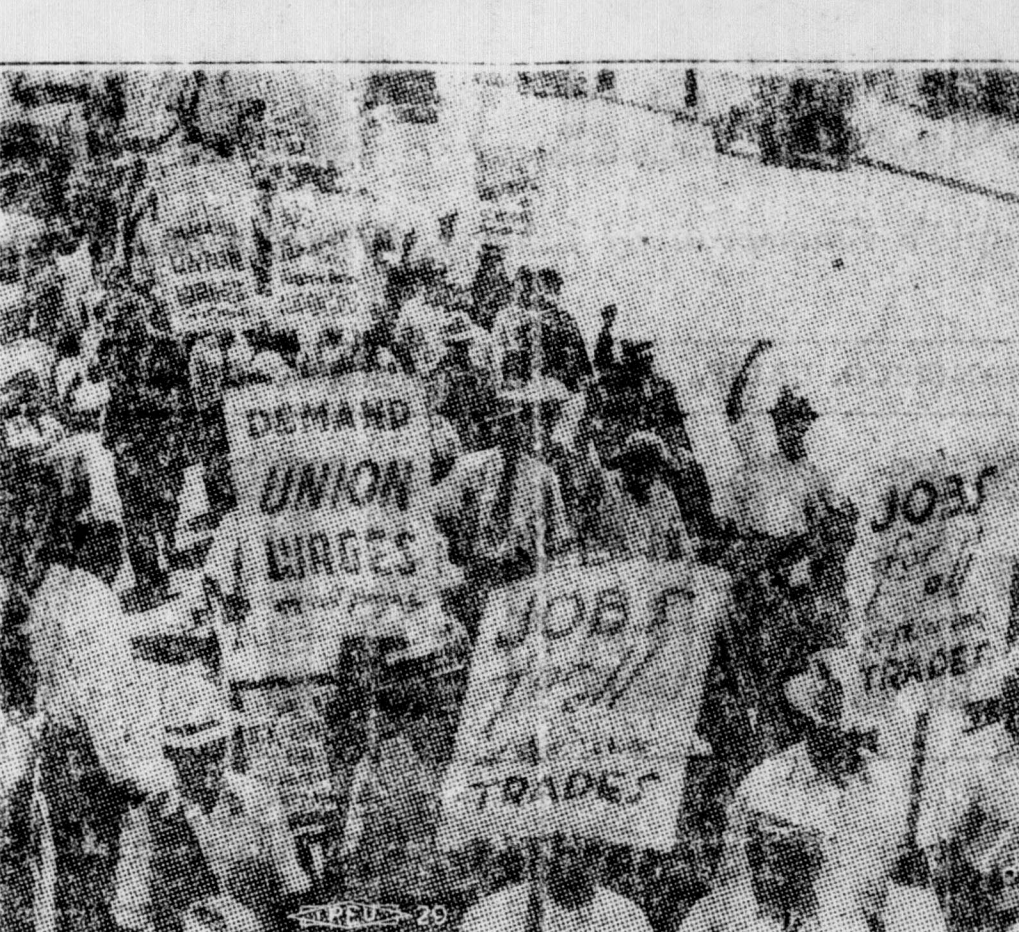
In the Warehousemen's strike against the company, union pickets were subjected to terrorism by both company guards and police.

## Teamster "Goons" Are Protected by S. F. Officials

SAN FRANCISCO—Although the two victims and three workers were available as witnesses that Joseph Casey and Tony Costa, Teamster officials, acted as their own "goon squad" last week, Warren Clerk Wm. P. Golden last Thursday refused to issue warrants for the arrest of Casey and Costa on charges of beating up Jerry Callahan and Fred Revere, officials of the Filling Station Employees Union Local 410, of the CIO Int'l Oil Workers Union.

Callahan and Revere sought the warrants, which were denied on grounds of "insufficient evidence." The Teamster officials are trying to raid the membership of Local 410.

## When L. A. Jobless Paraded for Jobs



WHEN 6000 MARCHED in Los Angeles on Monday, July 26, in the first parade of unemployed and WPA workers ever held in that city. Photo shows a section of the parade, marching to the Chamber of Commerce Bldg., where picket lines were set up around an entire block, while a Workers Alliance committee went to Chamber of Commerce officials to "inquire" about the jobs which that employers' organization said existed.

## ASSEMBLYMAN URGES UNITY IN U. S. AGAINST FASCISM

Patterson Urges Aid to Democracy in Spain, at S. F. Peace Rally

SAN FRANCISCO—The importance of a strong coalition of all progressive political forces here in America and California if the horrors of Spain are to be avoided in this country, was stressed by Assemblyman Patterson, King City, at a civic center "peace mobilization" called by the American League Against War and Fascism last Saturday afternoon.

He urged support of the Spanish people's fight against fascism.

Chairman Donald Chase, minister of the Calvary Methodist Church, introduced other distinguished speakers, including Mayor Frederic Lord, American League, and Kathryn Gans, WYCA leader.

**Hail Anti-Fascist Work Stoppage**  
All speakers emphasized the splendid spirit and strength of the Spanish people which has resulted in changing their fighting slogan from "No Pasaran" to "Fasermos" ("we shall pass"). Great applause greeted Leach when he hailed the August 2 anti-fascist stoppage of work by West Coast maritime workers as a tremendous move toward forcing the U. S. Government to take action against military intervention in Spain and China.

With unanimous vote two resolutions were passed to be sent to local representatives in Congress for an embargo on Italy and Germany because of their aggression in Spain, and an immediate protest by the U. S. government denouncing against Japan's violation of the Kellogg Peace Pact by its aggression in China.

**Appeal Ct. Sides With Cal-Pack**

SAN FRANCISCO—The State District Court of Appeals sided with the California Packing Corp. here last Friday when it denied a writ of habeas corpus to five pickets arrested March 10 when police and company thugs attacked a Warehousemen's Cannery Workers picket line at the corporation's Alameda plant. The pickets are to be tried by Superior Judge Tyrre starting Tuesday, August 3, "assault with a deadly weapon" and are out on \$2000 bail each from Alameda County jail.

Attorney Aubrey Grossman asked the writ on the ground that evidence introduced against the pickets — Edward Burns, Manuel Relva, Paul Perez, J. J. McDonald and Tony Cardenelli — is insufficient.

## Cross-Country Bus Drivers Win Gains

LOS ANGELES — Announcement of a signed, closed shop agreement with the AFL Bus Drivers' Union was made Wednesday, July 28, by David Wolsinger, general manager and vice president of the transcontinental All-American Bus Line.

Affecting close to 400 drivers and mechanics, the contract will mean an increase of one-fourth cent per mile for drivers and a raise in wages for shop mechanics from 67½ to 75 cents per hour.

Signing of the agreement with the union gives to the bus line the distinction of being the first transcontinental line with closed shop conditions in the country.

## Mattern to Hop to Moscow Next Year

WASHINGTON—Jimmy Mattern, American actor, announced he plans to take off next June or July on his proposed trip over the North Pole to Moscow.

## M'ADOO FORCED TO AID MOONEY ON RESOLUTION

Is 27th Senator Pledging To Back Memorial For Pardon

WASHINGTON—Sen. William Gibbs McAdoo (D. Calif.), former Secretary of the Treasury, became the 27th U. S. senator to assure local representatives of the Tom Mooney Defense Committee that he will lend his efforts to speed passage of the Murray-O'Connell resolution memorializing the Governor of California to pardon Tom Mooney, it was announced here.

McAdoo's assurance, given John W. Jenkins, chairman of the Washington Mooney committee, marks the first time that a senator from California has recognized the injustice done the famous labor prisoner and taken steps to secure his release. McAdoo said he would appear before the Senate judiciary committee and urge speedy passage of the resolution.

**Put Pressure on Sen. Johnson**  
Inspiring McAdoo's action, it was thought, is the demonstration staged by organized labor in San Francisco on the twenty-first anniversary of the 1917 preparedness day bombing in San Francisco for which Mooney was framed. Since the imprisonment of Mooney, California overlords have steadfastly opposed any move to grant him a pardon despite conclusive evidence as to Mooney's innocence. McAdoo faces reelection in 1938.

Reps. Izac (D. Calif.), Voorhis (D. Calif.), Scott (D. Calif.) and T. F. Ford (D. Calif.) have already signed petitions to the President asking for a federal investigation of the Mooney case. The Mooney committee urges pressure on Senator Hiram Johnson.

## S. F. Labor Body Votes Down Move Against 'Western' (Continued from Page 1)

is the most indefensible motion ever brought before the council."

San Jaye, secretary-treasurer of Culinary Miscellaneous Employees Union, pointed out that "McLaughlin wants to exclude certain reporters, but Hearst reporters are all well and good."

**"Western" Praised**  
"There are only two papers on the West Coast that actually cover articles of general importance and interest to labor," declared Jaye. "They are the Western Worker and the Voice of the Federation."

Only excuse given for the resolution was that the council was so crowded that some delegates had to sit on the floor.

**Commented E. J. Dillon, Machinists Union:** "Since we are in process of reducing delegates, there is no particular cause for introduction of this resolution."

Other delegates similarly commented, in reference to expulsions of CIO unions from the council.

**Just a Pose**  
Ernst, who has posed as a progressive, delivered the worst rebaiting blast heard in the council this year, saying he was against excluding visitors but would vote to oust the Western Worker, which he shouted was "the loudest sheet I ever read in my life."

Delegates who spoke against the resolution included Louis Goldblatt, Warehousemen; Jack Berolla, Alaska Cannery Workers; and Carmen Lucia, Milliners.

**To Come Up Again**  
Urney changed his vote from "yes" to "no" and gave notice he would ask next Friday night for reconsideration on the resolution. He was heard to state: "We're not through with this thing yet."

One waterfront delegate, Ferguson of the Marine Firemen, voted reactionary.

Later, when Jaye reported that the hotel strike settlement was being violated by the employers, by working members of his union nine and 10 hours a day and six days a week, instead of operating under a temporary 40-hour week pending negotiations as the workers understood in voting to return to work, Ernst again went in for some red-baiting.

**More Red-baiting by Ernst**  
Ernst attacked Jaye, saying: "It's deplorable and damnable to stir up more trouble. Perhaps he received instructions from Haight St. (Communist Party headquarters) and the Western Worker."

Ernst said the hotel workers went back to work on the same terms existing before May 1, when the strike started, except that the workers were to work five days instead of six, pending negotiations.

**O'Connell Scored**  
Reporting for Cleaners and Dyers Local 7, Delegate De Martindale reported that one Chester Vientot had appeared at their offices with "authorization" to take over dictatorial control of the union, "ably aided and abetted by our dear friend, John O'Connell (council secretary), who gave written authorization to Vientot."

He said Vientot was reported wanted by Vallejo police and had an unsavory record. As usual, O'Connell made a personal attack, saying to the

delegate: "You're another one of these mugs around here."

Instructions from the Cleaners International secretary to the council to "take over" Local 7, were referred to the officers of the council.

Nominations were held for several offices. For State Federation of Labor convention delegates, nominees were Geo. Kelly (Chauffeurs), Urney, Eddie Love (Musicians), Fred West (Window Cleaners), Walter Cowan (Miscellaneous Employees), John Shoemaker (Longshoremen), For executive committee, Withrow (Barbers), Speers (Engineers), 64½ Scott (Dept. Store Employees), Garvin (Pharmacists) and Smith (Auto Mechanics) were nominated for one post.

## Fascist 'General' Denies Nazi Link

LOS ANGELES—Any connection with Nazi groups or activities in California was "denied" by "General" J. L. Archer of Los Angeles after he had been accused of aiding Nazi activities by Representative Dickstein of New York.

Dickstein accused Archer of being a co-worker of various Nazi officials in furthering Nazi propaganda in California.

Though denying connection with Nazi groups, Archer admitted membership in a local anti-labor, fascist organization known as the National Patriots. A "general" in this group, Archer declared he was interested in spreading and perpetuating Americans "ideals."

## POLICE BRUTALITY IS PROTESTED BY L.A. UNITED FRONT

'Red Squad' Tore Flags of Jobless Demonstrators

LOS ANGELES—An indignant united front of church, fraternal, civic and labor organizations, led by the Workers' Alliance, protested to Mayor Shaw the breach of constitutional rights and police brutality during last week's Alliance demonstration for jobs when the police "Red Squad" ripped American and California flags from the hands of the demonstrators, before Mayor Frank L. Shaw.

A delegation, representing approximately 36 organizations and including prominent civic and state leaders, presented a collective protest, stating:

**Violated Rights**  
"We are calling upon you today to bring to your attention an incident which has disgraced your administration and which violated the constitutional rights of our people."

**"On last Monday afternoon in downtown Los Angeles in full view of hundreds of people, Detective Lieutenant Luke Lane and about 10 members of the 'Red Squad' viciously tore the American flag and the California state flag from the hands of Los Angeles citizens, ripped the flags from the standards, and tampered and twisted them."**

"This delegation, representing civic, fraternal, religious, and labor organizations, protests this insult to the American flag. We wish to remind you in our recent election campaign a promised to abolish the 'Red Squad.' We demand that every officer who participated in the outrage be publicly reprimanded and immediately dismissed."

**"We further demand that the police department devote its energies toward cleaning up intolerable vice conditions in our city and keep their hands off people's civil rights."**

Albert Hefner, county organizer of the Workers' Alliance, announced that a committee will ap a wide and powerful campaign against "Red Squad" brutality.

**oyalist Armies Take Offensive in 2 Areas**

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licious leaders had been impeding the creation of a centrally-war industry, but was also considered a step toward the eventual unification of the two rade union bodies.

Further progress toward eventual unification of the Socialist and Communist Parties of Spain was seen in the activities of a joint unification commission, which issued an appeal to the country to give whole-hearted support to the Negrin cabinet.

Hostilities were renewed in the Oviedo region through an attack of the Asturian miners. A bayonet and dynamite attack drove defending fascists back from their outlying positions at Cimero.

On the central front at Madrid both sides were resting.

**Mayor Dore Again Shows Real Colors**

SEATTLE—How Mayor John F. Dore, who styled himself a "labor mayor," has flopped completely over to the side of the open-shoppers, was seen here again last Saturday when, on his orders, police arrested 20 Int'l Fur Workers' Union, CIO pickets in front of five stores. The stores were struck and then re-opened last Saturday under agreements with a company union granted an AFL charter.

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## CITRUS BOSSES WANT HITLER-TYPE 'UNIONS'

Incorporation of Unions, Compulsory Arbitration Aim of Employers

LOS ANGELES—Plans for a ruthless fight against the growing drive for organization among citrus workers in Southern California were announced last week as the outcome of a meeting here of the largest employers in the citrus industry.

In a statement of its "labor policy," the Agricultural Producers' Labor Committee, declared that "the citrus industry, while not opposed to collective bargaining, must be kept free from the effects of unjustified strikes and the imposition of hiring halls and the closed shop."

**Like Hitler Has**  
Reflecting the present campaign of open-shop interests to force labor unions to incorporate and to make arbitration compulsory, their statement says:

**It is recommended that appropriate steps be taken to bring about responsibility on the part of labor organizations both as to the method of dealing and the accounting of funds received from its members.**

Packing houses, the statement claims are exempt from control of the National Labor Relations Board.

**Open-shop Aims**  
"Immediate steps will be taken to obtain from the board or from a court of competent and final jurisdiction a ruling exempting such labor."

With the militant struggles of the orange pickers in 1936 still fresh in their minds, the bosses pledged their "resources" to "protect" the citrus workers "in the right to work."

Meanwhile, important strides are being made in organizing workers in the industry. The Citrus Workers' Union reports great gains within the past month.

Definite opposition is being given this organizational campaign by the reactionary AFL leadership in Orange County. In their desperate efforts to forestall any growth of industrial unionism, these leaders are establishing dual citrus workers unions.

## China Central Troops Move to Peiping Area

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at Posing with their advance guard sent forward to a position 13 miles away from Japanese advance lines at the railway junction of Changhsintien.

Devastated Tientsin gave to China an example of the ferocity of the Japanese militarists.

Japanese airplanes dropping leaflets threatened further bombing, and Japanese military authorities announced their intention to bomb a part of the former German concession, where thousands of Chinese and foreign refugees had crowded after their homes had been destroyed, bombed and set fire with kerosene. In addition, all Chinese universities, colleges and other schools, including famed Nankai University, were destroyed. Museums containing invaluable relics were completely wrecked and looted.

Not satisfied, Japanese soldiers were sent out to spread gasoline and ignite the remaining ruins of Nankai University.

Chinese "peace preservation" militarized "police" were court martialled and led away to execution.

Hundreds of American civilians were among those taking refuge in the former German concession, under threat of Japanese bombing.

Mrs. Lin Tung-Chi, San Francisco woman and wife of a professor at Nankai University, sought to aid native and foreign refugees. Giving her own inadequate funds for buying food, she also organized groups of Chinese to break into deserted buildings for shelter.

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cense expired July 11. "Pinkerton service consists largely of espionage directed against organized labor," Benson said. Another point he made is that "despite advertisements to the contrary, the Pinkerton agency has supplied stick-breaking personnel to clients at times of labor disturbances."

"I consider Pinkerton's activities detrimental to the general welfare of our people," Benson declared in summation. Labor leaders throughout the state wired him their congratulations and approval.



## 10 TROTSKYISTS ON TRIAL IN MADRID FOR SERVING IN ESPIONAGE RING FOR FRANCO

Editor of Trotskyist Paper is Involved;  
Signalmen Flashed Messages to  
Fascist Army Headquarters

By G. MARION

(Daily Worker Spain Correspondent)

MADRID—Ten members of the Trotskyist POUM, one member of the fascist Phalanx, and four signal experts, who flashed information to fascist observers in the Casa de Campo on Madrid's outskirts, face trial here on charges of espionage and high treason.

The signalmen were caught while using flashlights to transmit signals to an observation post where they were re-transmitted to the Casa de Campo. There a powerful station relayed them to fascist headquarters.

Two months of unflagging investigation by the Madrid police lay at the bottom of these arrests, as well as that of the former Countess de la Puebla de Montalban, who frequented the barracks and bars of Madrid in order to obtain information from Loyalist soldiers.

### Editor Taken

The ten Trotskyists involved in the sordid Franco activities behind government lines include Julian Gorkin, former editor of the Trotskyist Barcelona organ, La Batalla, now liquidated, Juan Andrade, Jose Escudera, Julian Gomez, Gorkin, Daniel Rebull, Francisco Gomez, Jose Palomo, Rodriguez Arroyo, Desiderio Iglesias, Francisco Glavell, Ruiz Victor, Jimenez Bordejo and Javier Fernandez Golcin.

"The first ten belong to the POUM, the eleventh to the Spanish Phalanx."

### Proof Found

"Documents found in the headquarters of the POUM give abundant proof of a code system, including a telegraphic code, the documents refer to arms smuggling, counterfeiting of money and papers, communications with foreign countries. They hint at conferences held inside and outside of Loyalist territory, and refer to the participation of foreigners in the already noted spying and the subversive movement of last Monday. (The Barcelona putsch)."

"The defendants have been placed at the immediate disposition of the Tribunal in the state prison where they have been held."

"It is not necessary to remind the ministry of safety that in this, as in all matters before them, all guarantees and rights of law must apply without allowing pressure or weakness to interfere with those judgments which actuate the judges and the supreme court."

"Efforts to restrain the strict and faithful application of the law will be useless."

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## SOVIETS HAIL PEACE EFFECT OF VISIT BY U. S. WARSHIPS

Pravda Stresses Friendly Relations of  
Two Peoples, Cites Polar Flights

MOSCOW—Visit of five warships of the U.S. Navy's Asiatic squadron to Vladivostok was greeted by the leading newspapers Pravda and Izvestia as a friendly gesture emphasizing the common role of the Soviet Union and the United States as powers striving for peace.

Referring to the new links already established by the two historic flights over the North Pole, Izvestia declared significantly:

"Communication between the USSR and the USA is not limited to the blazing of new and shorter routes. The visit of the United States warships reminds one that there are routes linking both powers not only across the North, but also in the Far East."

Speaking indirectly of the Japanese invasion of North China, Pravda remarks that the visit of the American warships is a token of peace and not of war, continuing that the visit "comes at a time when the military-strategic importance of the Pacific Ocean is being raised sharply by the new wave of aggression on the Asiatic Coast of the Pacific."

**Not Negative Only**  
Pravda also makes clear that the friendship of the Soviet people for those of the United States is based not merely on the lack of political and economic conflict between the two countries, but also on Soviet respect for business like qualities of the American people and technical progress achieved in the United States.

Both Izvestia and Pravda mention the tremendous welcome given to the Soviet fliers in the United States, Pravda remarking that these flights will undoubtedly contribute to strengthening the present ties between the USSR and the USA.

## S. F. Dept. Store Union Wins Gains

SAN FRANCISCO—At least 10 per cent wage increase to all not obtaining that much or more under new wage scales, minimum wages from \$18-\$35 a week, 40-hour six-day week, and time and a half for overtime, were won by over 9000 department store workers in an agreement ratified 1280-389 by members of Department Store Employees Union last Wednesday.

In a separate vote, workers in 13 Woolworth and two Newberry ten-cent stores rejected a proposed agreement by two to one.

In the department stores, the union is recognized as sole collective bargaining agency for all workers except those receiving \$35 a week or more, executives and workers in other unions. Seniority rights, no discrimination for union activity, vacations with pay were also included in the agreement, which lasts for one year beginning August 1. Pay increases are retroactive to May 15.

**TWOC OVER 200,000**  
NEW YORK—The CIO Textile Workers Organizing Committee has signed over 200,000 into the union and has set up 140 locals.

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## LITTLE LEFT TO SAN DIEGO LABOR BODY

Election in AFL Council,  
San Diego, Shows That  
Reactionaries Rule

SAN DIEGO—What remains of the San Diego Central Labor Council elected officers last week. The thoroughness of Secretary Lydiek's "purge" of a month ago was demonstrated by the lack of any opposing candidate for the office of secretary of the council, every possible progressive candidate having been expelled without benefit of trial over a month ago. Most other officers were uncontested also and a full slate of reactionaries, with "pie-card artists" predominating, was elected.

**General Without Army**  
The only fly in the soup now is that the council is dwindling away until Lydiek will soon be dictator of a council without members.

**The Printing Pressmen and Carpenters Local 1358** were last week added to the list of unions that have withdrawn their remaining delegates and written protests to the council. A letter of protest against the expulsion of Clarence Goad, vice-president of the council, and a demand that he be reelected was received from his union, the Typos. A committee was appointed to attempt to explain to the Typos why their delegate was expelled, the reason being that he was "under Communist influence."

**Unsatisfactory Explanation**  
Delegates of the Typographical Union who were present, told the council that no amount of explaining would be satisfactory and that the union would undoubtedly vote to withdraw from the council at its next meeting.

The reactionaries removed the council one step farther from democratic procedure by putting over an amendment that abolishes the elected executive and organizing committees and replaces them with what they term a policy board, composed of the business agent, secretary, or an elected representative from each union if the B.A. or Sec. is not a delegate. This amendment was defeated several months ago before the progressive delegates were expelled.

**CIO Is Organizing**  
While the AFL council was reading letters of withdrawal from local unions and passing amendments to make any future revolt impossible, a few blocks up the street the CIO Industrial Council was busy laying plans to organize the unorganized and make San Diego a union town. Many members of AFL unions participated in the planning, by virtue of having been elected fraternal delegates to the council by their unions.

The CIO Council received its charter last week and took steps to maintain and enlarge its official paper, "Labor's Voice." Five thousand copies of the paper are being circulated each week, a greater circulation than the AFL paper has.

## Single Jobless Pay For 'Economy' Move

LOS ANGELES—In a drastic move curtailing liberties of single homeless men on relief, the Board of Supervisors last Tuesday, July 27, unanimously adopted a plan to establish a single county institution in which the men would be forced to stay as long as they were on relief.

Following by a few weeks the publication of an editorial in the reactionary Los Angeles Times calling for establishment of such an institution where indigent relief clients would be forced to work for their care, the Board's action is expected to save the county an estimated \$100,000—at the expense of the jobless.

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## Demand Probe of Growers' Arsenal

SALINAS—A secret arsenal for use against unions has been reported by CIO organizer A. C. Rogers, on the Knowlton ranch, four miles from Salinas. Rogers, of the CIO Cannery and Agricultural Organizing Committee has demanded that Attorney General U. S. Webb investigate the arsenal without delay.

The CIO organizer reports that 75 shotguns and rifles are stored in a shed on the ranch. He feels certain they are planned for use against CIO organization efforts.

## STEEL UNION WINS POLL IN RADIATOR CO.

Huntington Park Workers  
Vote CIO, After Boss  
Intimidation Gone

LOS ANGELES—Workers in the Pacific Gas Radiator Co. plant in Huntington Park, voted overwhelmingly for CIO affiliation in elections held last Wednesday, July 28, under supervision of the National Labor Relations Board. Pat Commore, spokesman for the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, announced.

Members of the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of North America, the men voted 175 to 16 to have that union represent them as collective bargaining agent.

**Co. Union Blocked**  
In another election held a week previous, the CIO union had met defeat at the National Supply Company, Torrance, when workers voted 366 to 322 to have a company union represent them.

Union spokesmen declare, however, that intimidation and pressure was used in the election. An investigation is underway at the present time.

## Outbreaks in Ireland Greet Visit of King

BELFAST, Ireland—Disorder and outbreaks of violence greeted King George VI and Queen Elizabeth of England on their arrival in North Ireland on an official coronation visit.

Corresponding with the time of their visit, custom houses along the 50-mile border connecting with the Irish Free State went up in flames.

The border marks the line of demarcation between the Irish Free State and Ulster, the latter being the stronghold of the champions of British imperialism in Ireland. The custom houses were raided by armed Irish Republicans.

Deputized special police patrolled the border, clashing with Republicans, with numerous casualties reported.

## 103 RESIDENTS OF DISABLED JOBLESS HOME STRUCK DOWN BY FOOD POISONING IN L. A.

Attempts by Relief Heads to Hush Up  
Case, Exposed by Victims Who  
Relate Foul Conditions

LOS ANGELES—A cheap and miserable diet caused 103 residents of the American Home, institution for the county's physically disabled unemployed, operated by the Los Angeles County Relief Administration, to be stricken by food poisoning on Tuesday night last week, three hours after the evening meal.

Out of 103 cases, 12 were taken to the hospital. Eight men were seriously affected but medical authorities expect them to recover.

**"Veritable Madhouse"**  
One man reported that from 10 p.m. until 12 p.m. the critical hours, there was only one doctor on the premises. He said the whole place was filled with groans and screams and that at least 10 doctors were needed to take adequate care of the patients. A few doctors arrived at midnight.

**"It was a veritable madhouse,"** said another victim.

He also said policemen who arrived on the scene were brutal in their treatment of the men and that "they did more harm than good."

**Thomson Tries to Hush It**  
Contrary to reports, by the press, men in the home, food chemists, doctors, and health authorities, Carl Bennett, contact secretary under Rex Thomson, county superintendent of charities, "disclosed" three men were reported ill in the afternoon—an attempt to divert attention from the wretched food served the men.

The Board of Supervisors has ordered an investigation of the case. Health authorities and food chemists are "trying" to discover the exact cause of the poisonings. Thus far they have not consulted any of the victims concerning quality of the food served.

**Men Tell True Story**  
The men in the home wryly described the food as "not so hot." The average fare consists of cheap vegetables such as carrots or cabbage. Meat is very rarely served, and then, perhaps, one wiener per man. Only a doctor's order and the manager's approval will secure a glass of milk at mealtime. The "milk" is watery skim milk, the men pointed out.

**The men charged the doctors with releasing men only half well and still physically incapable of earning a livelihood. They said no occupant is compelled to take a bath. Consequently, they pointed out, the home has to be "decontaminated" quite frequently.**

A man on crutches, waiting impatiently in line for food, angrily exclaimed that two men have been the victims of traffic accidents because there are no traffic signals near the home. One victim was killed the other received a broken leg.

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## Reactionaries Fear the Western Worker

**L**AST FRIDAY night, a group of reactionaries introduced a resolution in the San Francisco Central Labor Council seeking to bar all visitors from council meetings and to exclude reporters from all newspapers except the capitalist press and the Labor Clarion, council organ.

**WHY?**  
Because those reactionaries have further plans to split the labor movement by expelling more unions, as they did the week before in ousting the Cannery & Preserve Workers Union and the Filling Station Employees Union.

Because they want as little publicity as possible on their union-splitting and union-smashing maneuvers.

Because they hate and fear the publicity given their anti-union activities by the Western Worker.

Fortunately, this resolution, which would permit the anti-labor and pro-fascist Hearst press to be represented, while barring representatives of the Western Worker, Voice of the Federation and other labor papers, was voted down, 174 to 152.

The Western Worker feels it deserves and is proud of the enmity of such "leaders" of labor as McLaughlin and Urney, who strive to split the labor movement and to block organization of the unorganized by the Committee for Industrial Organization. Their enmity arises out of the fact that the "Western" is a vigilant fighter for the best interests of labor, for unity in the labor movement, for support of the CIO, for democracy in the unions. They are echoing the nation-wide reactionary attack on not only the Communist Party and its press, but on everything progressive in the labor movement.

The Western Worker expects this enmity to be tripled on New Year's Day when, instead of the present twice-a-week issue, it will become a daily "People's Champion of Liberty, Progress and Peace." Forward to a Daily Western Worker!

## Gangster Tactics by Beck and Casey Can't Halt CIO

**T**HE GANGSTERISM being resorted to by Teamsters Union czars on the West Coast, notably in San Francisco and Seattle, has served to bring out, among other things, the gulf separating these officials from the Teamsters rank-and-file.

The Dave Decks, the Joe Caseys, the McLaughlins and their kind have had to participate personally in the dumpings of members and rank-and-file officials of the unions which they are trying to break up. They have had to import "goons"—thugs with a distinctly underworld character. But in the case, for instance, of the attacks on Jerry Callahan, president of the San Francisco Filling Station Employees, and other members of that union, two facts were outstanding—the Teamsters officials could get practically no one from the Teamsters hiring hall to participate in the sluggings, and they had to import Beck's thugs from Seattle—as evidenced by Washington state license plates on at least one of the dumping squad's autos.

The gangsterism of the Teamsters' czars is part and parcel of the A. F. of L. Executive Council's futile plan to try to halt the onward march of progressive trade unionism, as exemplified in the great growth and progressive policies of the CIO. The murderous terror of the steel corporations has failed to stem that growth; the gangster tactics of certain reactionary A. F. of L. officials will likewise fail. And what is more, the A. F. of L. rank-and-file, including that of the Teamsters, will have no part in such actions.

Harry Dail, Los Angeles Teamsters official organizer, was correct when he stated last week that there is a strong bond of friendship between the teamsters and the longshoremen, built up through the years in the many battles they have fought together.

The membership of both unions will continue to fight together for a common cause.

## A Serious Omission

**T**HE GENTLEMEN in Washington who cry to go home do not want to vote yes or no on the progressive legislation that remains on the calendar. It appears they will have to face the issues whether they like it or not.

The administration is pressing for passage of some vital and important bills. Among them are the Black-Connery minimum wage and maximum hour bill, the Wagner-Steagall bill for low cost housing and slum clearance, the much curtailed court reform bill and legislation to curb the practices of income tax evaders.

Let the gentlemen act on these vital mea-

sures, and on another as well.

What sort of indifference is it that causes the White House and congressional leaders to leave the Wagner-Van Nuys Anti-Lynching Bill off the list of bills to be insisted on at this session?

Four months ago this federal anti-lynching bill passed the House. Even while this congress was in session, before and since the action in the House, the nation has been disgraced by repeated examples of these sadistic murders which are an outrageous blot on the nation. To condone them by neglect of legislation which could curb them is to perpetuate a horrible crime against the Negro people.

Take the Anti-Lynching Bill off the shelf by protest today to Senators Johnson and McAdoo! Insist that it be placed in the same category as the other legislation listed for expedited action! Demand that all these vital measures be passed at this session!

## China is Taking the One Course To Defend Its Independence

**I**N 1932 the Chinese city government of Shanghai acceded to every demand made by the Japanese. Yet the Japanese army bombarded and attacked the city, to be stopped only by the heroic defense put up by the 19th Route Army.

Years of piecemeal aggression by Japan have proved one fact conclusively, again and again:

Japan's real demand is the complete economic and political domination of China and unfettered exploitation and suppression of her people.

In the current conflict the Chinese people are united as never before. They have said no! They have taken the one road that can lead to independence—the road of military resistance!

Already it is clear that the Chinese people are rapidly approaching complete unity for national defense. If the first incident in the struggle was the Japanese occupation without apparent major resistance, this is little more than making open recognition of what has been virtually accomplished in fact for two years. The policy of capitulation before Japan's demands had already given the latter the military domination of the Peiping-Tientsin area. What is new and significant is this:

China's central government has responded to the demand of the Chinese masses by calling for a national mobilization to drive the Japanese out of North China. China stands united today more firmly than ever before. At the same time, Japan at home is in a virtual political crisis as the result of economic strain of six years of war and war preparations.

Japan counted on a divided China. That no longer exists. Those Chinese generals who still support Japan are being driven from the ranks.

Japan counts on taking advantage of the European preoccupation with the fascist invaders in Spain. Again the militarists can and must be proven mistaken.

The American people again and again have demonstrated that they are opposed to the aggressive designs and actions of Japan, along with those of the two other chief provocateurs of war—Germany and Italy.

Rally the American and Chinese people in California to demand that the United States government support the independence of China!

Demand what four U. S. Congressmen have already demanded of Secretary Hull: that steps be taken to enforce the Kellogg-Briand and Nine-Power Pacts, to which Japan is a signatory.

Demand that an embargo be levied against Japan!

## Mayor Shaw is Ignorant, Like An Ostrich

**I**OS ANGELES investigators of vice threaten, as a last resort if Mayor Shaw refuses to take any action, to picket vice-dens and gambling places.

Mayor Shaw, like Mayor Rossi in San Francisco, has already refused to take any action. The mayor says he has faith in Chief of Police James E. Davis. He is "opposed" to vice, but there is no vice, or if there is, it is only because the police budget is "underbudgeted and undermanned."

But the simple truth is that there is organized vice and plenty of it in Los Angeles. Nor does it exist because the police department is "underbudgeted" or "undermanned." The police department has plenty of man power to suppress strikers and to harass union men around the waterfront in San Pedro and Wilmington and to carry out a reign of terror following the brutal police murder of Bill Gregg of the I.L.A.

But vice is protected in Los Angeles, protected by the very administration which launches a brutal drive against organized labor. It is protected because organized vice is aligned with the same powerful industrial and financial interests who demand, successfully, that their administration, the Shaw administration, attack labor and defend vice.

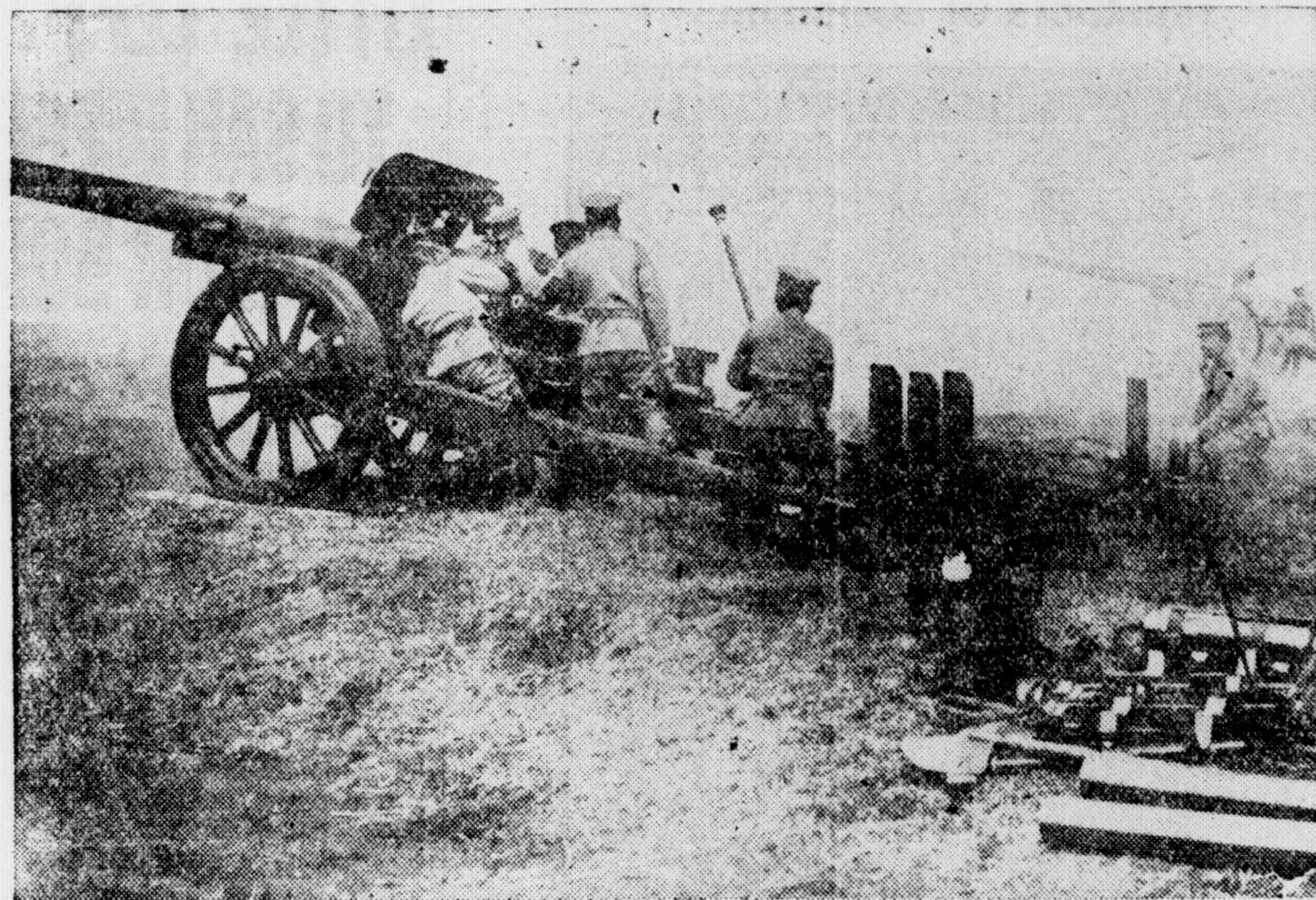
Why did the Shaw administration want a bigger fund for "secret service"?

Not to ferret out vice resorts which stand out like so many sore thumbs. Not one but hundreds of such dens could be shown to the police without the expenditure of a penny. Besides which, the police already know where they are. They know too well!

Shaw wanted that money for his campaign against organized labor, not against organized vice.

Picket the vice dens, gentlemen of the Citizens' Independent Vice Investigation Committee! If the mayor is ignorant, he can be shown, and without any secret service fund either.

## First, Practice in Murder—And Now the Real Thing



**RECENTLY IMPERIALIST JAPAN** put its war machine through maneuvers in North Japan, and then extended these maneuvers into actual aggression against the Chinese people. When the above photograph was taken, it was only practice, but now these same guns are murdering thousands of Chinese people, including non-combatant men, women and children, as Japan attempts to swallow all of North China.

## Spanish Documents Link Trotzkyites With Franco

By HARRY GANNES  
(This is the last of a series of three articles.)

To inaugurate the offensive in the war against fascism, the Negrin government adopted three measures of prime importance. It was against the carrying out of these three steps, all interrelated, that the Trotzkyites directed their slanders. The following are the three measures undertaken by the Negrin government:

1—Strengthening of the military command of the People's Army, which included drawing the armed forces in Catalonia closer to Valencia. At the same time, the disarming of the hand-picked military domination of the Peiping-Tientsin area. What is new and significant is this:

2—Discipline in the army. In Spain where Anarchist traditions are deep-rooted and have been fabulously costly, improvement of discipline was fundamental. 3—Creation of a counter-espionage organization to wipe out spies, saboteurs, and to clean out all defeatist elements. The test of the Negrin government's policies, of course, lies in its accomplishments. Though only two months in office the Negrin government has to its credit the initiation of the first really effective anti-fascist offensive. Every foreign correspondent in Valencia, Madrid, and Barcelona reported its efficiency. James Minifie of the New York Herald-Tribune and Herbert Matthews of the New York Times told of the confidence and enthusiasm it inspired in the people. Louis Fischer of the Nation wrote (July 11):

"The moment the Negrin cabinet was formed it energetically undertook to make the usually slow and painful transition from resisting to attack. I believe that all observers were startled by the excellent and quick results."

By means of the first and second military measures the Negrin government insured the unleashing of an offensive on the central front to lift the siege of Madrid. But this could never have been begun without the third step, mainly, the measure for cleaning out spies, saboteurs and all agents of defeatism.

**Must Outwit Spies**

Wars have been lost or won through the activities of spies. Richard Wilmer Rowan, in his comprehensive history of espionage and its related fields (The Story of Secret Service), points out from the experience of the wars of hundreds of years that unless the enemy's spies are outwitted and destroyed he has an advantage worth many divisions. Napoleon won many important battles because of the effectiveness of his spies alone. It was a known fact that General Franco's spy apparatus was notoriously effective so long as the POUM in Barcelona was allowed to harbor any enemy of the Republic in its ranks.

The fascists used to boast of their channels of information, confirmatory of the real function of the Trotzkyites in Spain is the fact that General Franco was completely at a loss to foresee where the People's Army would aim its fire when the Negrin government carried out its third measure—of striking out against the spies, the bulk of whom were in the Trotzkyite ranks. The newspaper cables to America noted the fact that the censorship and the counter-espionage apparatus had effectively cut the channels of information to the fascists.

In the middle of June, Nin, Gorkin and Andrade, leaders of the POUM in Catalonia were arrested along with 200 persons connected with the Spanish Phalanx. Reproducing some of the evidence found on both the fascists and Trotzkyites, Agence E-pange, official news agency of the People's Front government, published the following in a news release:

"They (the fascists) worked in close collaboration with the chiefs of the POUM. In agreement and with the aid of the chiefs of this party, they proposed to organize the Phalanx uprising in the rear. They had come to a joint accord with the leaders of this party on the necessary measures to be taken. The chiefs of the POUM were

themselves in direct communication with Gen. Franco in Salamanca, and according to the terms of a document of the insurgents which was discovered, the POUM 'will become a solid and effective support of our movement.' Most of the documents relating to this affair figure among those which were discovered in a recent search of the building of the Consulate of Peru in Madrid. Furthermore, several of these spies, under cover of extraterritoriality, are still continuing their activity from within the Chilean Embassy; among them should be named Wegiusson and Leopoldo Panizo, members of the Supreme Direction Committee of the Phalanx. In the Norwegian Embassy is also found under the same conditions one Joaquin Argues, also known under the name of Sinclair, who is their third member of the directing triumvirate in Phalanx."

"The other members of the organization were taken, for the most part, in the act of commission of their crime, and several of them even had on their persons incriminating documents. The most sensational of these documents, but not however the most important of all those found, is a message written in secret ink, and partly drawn up on the back of a map found at the organization's headquarters. The instrument consisted of a plan of the Madrid front, divided into square millimeters, so as to facilitate communication of information reporting the position of cannons and troops. The message was addressed personally to 'Generalissimo Franco,' and says:

"To the Generalissimo in person. I have to inform you as follows: we are at present in a position to communicate to you all we know of the position and the movement of the Red forces. The last news sent by our radio station shows a considerable progress in our information service. As far as the uniting of forces for the movement in the rear is concerned, that is progressing with a certain slowness. None the less, we can count on 400 men ready to act. These latter, well-armed and in favorable conditions on the Madrid front, become the driving force of the movement. Your orders concerning the infiltration of our men in the ranks of the most extreme Anarchists and the POUM have been carried out successfully. What we need is a good propaganda chief who can do his work independently of us, and that for greater security."

"The following passage was underlined: 'On your orders, I went personally to Barcelona to see the leading member of the POUM. I communicated all your directives to him. The lack of communication between you and him is explained by the fact that his radio was damaged. It is beginning to function once again, as I found out while still there. You will certainly have received his answer in regard to fundamental problems. N... implores you and your foreign friends, that I be the only person authorized to communicate with him. He promises to send new men to Madrid in order to activate the work of the POUM, and thanks to these reinforcements, the POUM will become finally as in Barcelona, a solid and effective support for our movement.'"

Yet Norman Thomas, who, even before this and other evidence was presented, warned against the counter-revolutionary deeds of the POUM, later fell into their miserable trap and waited with them for the defense of those who connived with the fascists against the People's Front.

The Trotzkyites, of course, shroud their attempts to destroy the People's Front government

in revolutionary phrases. The attacks on Spain are also a continuation of their struggle against the Soviet Union.

**POUM Fights Unity**

The New York District of the so-called Revolutionary Workers League of the U. S., the Oehlerite Section of the Trotzkyites, among the most ardent supporters of the POUM, in a leaflet on June 25, 1937, put the Trotzkyite position bluntly calling for the armed overthrow of the People's Front government and urging the creation of a dual power, that is, the setting up of an embryo government that will by armed force attempt to overthrow the People's Front government.

The POUM and all its supporters are particularly energetic in their efforts to prevent the organic unification of the Socialist and Communist Parties of Spain and the formation of one party of the Proletariat.

Spain's Socialists Want Unity. The Socialist Call which countenances such Trotzkyite propaganda well knows that the majority of Socialists in Spain overwhelmingly favor organic unity with the Communist Party. The attitude of the vast majority of Spanish Socialists with regard to the Communists and to the Soviet Union is expressed so that even the Socialist Call editors cannot twist its meaning, in an editorial in Claridad, June 9, 1937. Until Caballero's prestige was eclipsed in Socialist and UGT ranks Claridad was the mouthpiece of the former Premier. And here is what this most influential Socialist and trade union organ wrote:

"Claridad has fought, fights and will fight for the organic unity of the Socialist and Communist Parties—the two are Marxists—because it considers imperative the creation of a single party of the proletariat as the only guaranty of revolutionary interests. Claridad has always felt a vivid sympathy, a close affection for the Soviet Union. Today we reaffirm our sympathy which has grown gigantic. For that reason then we are against all its enemies, call themselves how they may."

The social and economic program carried out by the Negrin government is one, which develops to its maximum the organization of industry and agriculture for winning the war against Fascism, and at the same time preserving and strengthening the anti-fascist unity of the proletariat, peasantry and middle class. Answering the Trotzkyite blather about "revolution" while they carry on counter-revolutionary deeds, Jesus Hernandez, Communist Minister of Education in the Madrid government, declared: "There is nothing more revolutionary than winning the war against fascism. The success of the war against fascism will create the conditions for the most revolutionary transformation of Spain, socially, politically and economically. The defeat of fascism in Spain, furthermore, would be of the most revolutionary consequence for workers and anti-fascists throughout the world."

**Trotzkyite Agents Removed** The greatest accomplishment of the Negrin government today is the building of a powerful army forged to win the war. Industry is being organized so as to win the war against fascism. The conditions of the workers and peasants are being improved not along the petty-bourgeois equalitarian utopias of Anarchist ideology, demagogically supported by the POUM, but in order to arouse the highest fighting capacity of the workers against fascism and to insure the most actual revolutionary achievements in fact and not on paper. The rear of the anti-fascist lines is being defended of fascist spies and Trotzkyite agents to make more certain of insuring the conditions of victory against fascism.

**Correct Policy** The improved fighting capacity of the People's Army and the first encouraging offensive are the results of the correct policy of the Negrin government. The gains of the People's Army on the Madrid front are

## AS WE SEE IT

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### "Neutrality" Policy In A Crisis.

**T**HE FASCIST invasion of Spain and the Japanese invasion of China has brought to light very sharply the need to change the Roosevelt-Hull "neutrality" policy. By declaring an embargo on war materials to "both sides" in Spain, the American Government has placed an embargo on the Spanish Government which is recognized by the United States, while trade and commerce with Germany and Italy in war materials continues unabated at a time when Hitler and Mussolini are pouring troops and munitions into Spain. Thus, in direct contradiction to the declarations for peace made by Roosevelt and Hull at the Buenos Aires conference, the U. S. A. is helping the fascist powers against the democratic republic of Spain.

Japanese imperialism is now attacking China's independence. To invoke the Neutrality Act against China and Japan would also mean direct aid to Japan's conquest of China. Japan would still be able to buy all the American raw materials it needs to manufacture munitions, while China, which hasn't got the huge war industries that Japan has, would be unable to buy war materials it needs to defend its freedom and independence. Thus American "neutrality" aids the fascist-military bloc of Germany, Italy, and Japan, the chief threat to peace and democracy in the world. Such a policy will not keep America out of war; it will only help those who are driving toward plunging the entire world into war.

America must have an effective peace policy. It must declare an embargo against the war-makers, Germany, Italy, and Japan. It must join with all other powers that desire peace, and give every possible aid to the Spanish and Chinese people. It must collaborate with the Soviet Union, whose peace policy is the mightiest bulwark against the war-makers. It must invoke the Kellogg Peace Pact against the aggressor nations; that pact "renounces war as an instrument of national policy." The Kellogg Peace Pact must be strengthened, with teeth in it, to curb the aggressors who violate it, by collective action of those who really want peace. Keep America out of war by keeping war out of the world!

### "History Will Honor Them."

**T**HE New York Times gives us a lesson in history when it congratulates Senator Wheeler and his Tory allies for their fight to defeat the bill to curb the judicial dictatorship of the Supreme Court. An editorial offers "an expression of gratitude to those Democratic Senators who have helped to shape the issue for the country. . . . (They) have made a fight for which we believe history will honor them."

The former running-mate of the elder LaFollette in the 1924 presidential campaign, and the man who helped expose the Teapot Dome scandal, is now receiving the plaudits of those who used to vilify him. Senator Wheeler has become the darling of the Liberty League, the Montana Copper Trust, and the New York Times, but we doubt very much that history will honor him.

Whom does American history really honor as its heroes? Is it the Tories of 1776, the Benedict Arnolds, the Aaron Burrs, the John Marshalls, the Alexander Hamiltons? Or is it the Washingtons, the Jeffersons, the Patrick Henrys and the Lincolns? Does American history honor the Supreme Court justices who adopted the infamous Dred Scott decision in defense of slavery, or does it honor William Lloyd Garrison, John Brown, and other Abolitionists who fought slavery?

Fortunately, the American people do not view history in the same light as does the New York Times. The Tories of 1937 will be remembered with the same contempt as are the Tories of 1776.

## Goodyear Workers To Vote on CIO

**LOS ANGELES**—Elections to determine which of two groups will bargain for workers are to be held at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. here. Opposed to the CIO United Rubber Workers, which asked for the election, is the Goodyear Employees' Assn., a company union. More than 1500 workers will participate in the elections.

imbuing the Spanish people with unprecedented confidence and enthusiasm. And every new advance will not only push back the armies of Franco, but will give more crushing answers to the malicious campaigns of slander against the People's Front. Trotzkyism is finding that it can no longer act as an obstacle to the development of the Anarchist forces out of their un-Marxian, un-Leninist heritage which so long delayed and hampered the development of the revolutionary proletarian reserves of Spain.

Trotzkyism descends more and more into the role of spying and collaboration with fascism against the anti-fascist People's Front. The most hopeful progress in the battle against fascism in Spain is being remarkably facilitated by a smashing drive against fascism's chief ally hiding among the proletariat—Trotzkyism.

Will Norman Thomas and his followers, who at intervals get lucid glimpses of the realities of the revolutionary struggle in Spain, continue to lend themselves as dupes to the Trotzkyite campaign of slander against Spain's government of victory? Will the rank and file of Local 22, International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, who have done so much to help the Spanish people, but who have a Love-stoneite leadership, countenance the counter-revolutionary aid to the enemies of the Spanish people?

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## Sania Clara Labor To Aid Guild Dist.

**SAN JOSE**—Representatives of the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council and the Typographical, Stereotypers and Pressmen unions at a meeting here last week pledged support to the American Newspaper Guild in its organizational activities.

The Guild elected district council officers who include: John V. Young, San Jose, president; Eric Erickson, San Francisco, secretary; Kirt McBride, Sacramento, treasurer; Albert Arkules, Santa Rosa, first vice-president; Ernest Rapley, Peninsula Guild, third vice-president.

## Predicts Win for L.A. Dairy Union

**LOS ANGELES**—George DeVries, dairy owner, will soon meet demands of the Dairy Workers Union, CIO affiliate, predicted Harry Smits, union president. The strike has been marked by arrest of pickets at the Vitamin D Dairy in Norwalk. The union seeks a closed shop, \$120 monthly minimum wage for milkers, an eight-hour day and a six-day week.

## Textile Union Wins Closed Shops S. F.

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The CIO United Textile Workers Union won victories in five more shops last week, announced Organizer Sonya Baltrum, winning closed-shop agreements in five curtain manufacturing plants. The contracts include wage increases, the 40-hour week and time and one-half for overtime.



Worker Wants Labor Cross-  
Word Puzzles in Daily W.W.

# East Bay CIO Cannery Union Put Stop to "Run-Around"

Special News from Cannery  
Workers, Alaska and Calif.

## ORGANIZE FOR FIGHT AGAINST COMPANY UNION

Workers From 6 East Bay  
Canneries Plan Action  
Against Vandeleur

By a Worker Correspondent  
HAYWARD, Alameda County—In a recent gathering originally intended to be a committee meeting to discuss ways and means of continuing their fight against Vandeleur's flint union, a group of workers representing Hunt Bros. Packing Corp., California Conserving Co., Body's, Ball's and Piece's Canneries, swelled the meeting to an unlooked for number.

Enthusiastic, eager for news and action, learning through various channels of the meeting, 40 workers showed up to take an active part in the future plans.

### Report on CIO Meet

Prince Beers was present to give a report of the National Agricultural and Cannery Convention. A great deal of pleasure and concern was expressed by the group toward Beers who has just been released from the hospital and was making his first appearance with the workers since then.

An interesting point was brought out concerning the Cannery Workers Local of San Jose (CIO) which has established booths in front of the canneries to organize workers.

The high point of the evening was the reaffirmation of the determination of the striking workers not to go back to work until all strikers as a group are reinstated without discrimination.

A committee of three, Prince Beers, Ray Wilkinson, Bill Sehr, was elected to confer with Roberts, superintendent of California Conserving Co., to demand immediate reinstatement of the striking workers. If this condition is not granted by the company, the National Labor Relations Board will rule the strikers as locked out, and the company will be forced to pay the entire back wages of every worker.

Further, in the event that the company does not immediately reinstate the strikers the present boycott against California Conserving Co. products will be extended to a national scope. This will find the boycott here on the coast enforced by such powerful groups as the Maritime Federation, lumber workers, auto workers and many others.

### Sentiment Against Co. Unions

Committees from all canneries in the district reported without exception that an open discontent is spreading against the company union (AFL) in all canneries.

A committee of three men and three women was elected to act as a planning committee to raise funds for the union. A dance and entertainment will probably be held in the near future.

## VENTURA FIELD WORKERS SEEK A CIO CHARTER

Petition for Signatures  
Being Circulated

By a Worker Correspondent  
VENTURA—We are circulating an application here to raise the necessary signatures and \$25 to apply for a Committee for Industrial Organizational charter for agricultural workers.

On July 8, there was a mass meeting here for the purpose of recruiting members into the Oil Workers Union Local 120. In passing out leaflets to oil workers, I contacted a few of the local Filipino, Mexican and American agricultural workers and invited them to listen to the speakers. They responded nicely and after the meeting requested circulating an application for a charter for them in agriculture.

### Ready to Organize

There was a small meeting on July 18 at Santa Paula. Present were leaders of Filipino, Mexican, American and Japanese agricultural workers, and \$12 was raised at this small meeting. The fellowship and good will shown by the various racial minorities and by the American workers was wonderful.

All leaders expressed a willingness to continue organizing activities.

## Alaska Bosses Trying to Cheat Cannery Worker Of Insurance for Injury

By an Alaska Canner  
EGEGIK, Alaska—In an attempt to trick him into saying he was injured through his own fault, company bosses and the superintendent are very thoroughly investigating Pete Sanchez, who in line of duty, cut off part of his small finger.

## Comments by the Readers of the Western Worker

"BEST LABOR PAPER"  
Westwood  
Lassen County

Dear Editor:  
I'll state again, as I did before, that the Western Worker is the best labor paper in the USA.

The Western Worker has improved since the beginning of my first sub, 50 per cent. Long may it live. I hope to secure a few subs in the near future from this locality.

Fraternally yours,  
A LUMBER WORKER.

REFUGEES STARVE  
Yuma, Ariz.

Dear Editor:

Are our American ideals as found in the Declaration of Independence become like gourds, husks without fruit; are they mere words without meaning? The Declaration says all men are created equal but our actions belie our words. One woman, a valiant useful citizen, Miss Amelia Earhart, is lost at sea, and the government spends enormous sums to find her.

At the same time nearly a half million dead bowl refugees are living under such deplorable conditions that some are starving to death; so far as one can find out the government has not turned a hand. Not that Miss Amelia doesn't deserve what was spent, but think how much more a half million people deserve it.

"But," someone says, "they haven't been in California long enough to be eligible for relief." Now tell me where is your "one nation indivisible"? If they are citizens of the United States, what difference should it make where they are or how long they have been there?

Governor Merriam is going to call a conference in a week. I ought to try going without bread and butter meantime. People are already starving. If they keep putting it off, they won't need anything but a bunch of coffins.

McClaren, the big lettuce and cantaloupe man of Yuma, goes on a round-the-world airplane trip, and other "big shots" take their pleasures, waste money, never thinking of people who are starving.

Those people from the dust bowl can't have a very good opinion of our government. Those people want a change.

—A. B.

## Kid Correspondent On Fire-Traps

By a 13-Year-Old Correspondent  
LOS ANGELES.—We were strolling along the Ocean Park beach and looking at a grisly scene called "Toonerville Town." It was all unpainted with a dummy dead man on the rock of the village school. The letters on the various buildings were uneven and backwards at irregular places.

I had been in there before so I informed my friend:

"That's fun, ever been in there?"

"No! I wouldn't go in—it's condemned!"

"How do you know?"

"Oh, someone told me. It's an awful fire trap."

### Danger for Profits

"Well, why don't they announce it in the papers? Golly, the things they'll do to make money. I suppose they figured that it would cost too much to overhaul it and make emergency exits. What if a fire broke out?"

"Oh, everyone in it would be killed." "It's just one of those things."

## L. A. General Hospital Like a Jail, Reports Youthful Correspondent

By a 13-year-old Correspondent  
LOS ANGELES—When a body first approaches the General Hospital, it appears to be a well-aided, well-cared-for building. (That's from a distance.) When a person gets within 10 yards of the building, it can be seen quite clearly that it has not been painted or washed since it was built.

It is equipped with large fenced-in gardens, a beautiful drinking fountain with no water, and big spacious steps about a yard wide each (also unwashed).

### Like a Prison

But on the whole, the outside of the General Hospital is quite beautiful.

The inside of the General Hospital is dingy, unaided, and the ceilings are so low that one thinks he has accidentally stepped into a prison.

When we first went in, we asked for the person we wanted to see, and were told the number of his ward and the floor it was on. At the same time we

## WANTS CROSS- WORD PUZZLES IN DAILY W. W.

What Ideas Do You Have  
In Mind for the Daily  
Western Worker?

By a Worker Correspondent  
SAN FRANCISCO.—The following are my suggestions for improvements for the Daily Western Worker:

1. Special columns, in alternate issues, for workers in Arizona, Nevada, etc. As the "Western" represents the Far West, the other states should be given more space than is possible at present. Workers in these states, instead of feeling like "outsiders," as they may feel right now.

## Send in Your Ideas Today!

On January 1, 1938, the Western Worker will become a Daily. On next Labor Day, the big drive to build this Daily "Western" will get into full swing. Meanwhile, all worker correspondents, who have contributed so much to the growth of the paper, are urged to write in their ideas on what the Daily "Western" should be. All readers are invited to contribute their ideas, but this special invitation is issued by the Workers' Correspondence Editor. Send in your ideas today to the Western Worker, 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

would then feel that the "Western" was really "their" paper, when it publishes regular columns from their districts.

2. Cross-word puzzles for the working-class. As hundreds of people may be seen daily working on cross-word puzzles on street cars, etc., the "Western" would benefit by publishing cross-word puzzles, especially made up so as to educate readers in the class struggle.

3. Establishment of a "Western Worker Readers Solidarity Fund." The funds collected from workers who are "fairly well fixed," to be used to extend subscriptions free or at reduced rates to unemployed and lower-paid categories of workers.

I hope that these ideas may prove helpful in your plans for a Daily Western Worker.

## Union is Holding Dances in Alaska

By an Alaskan Canner  
EGEGIK, Alaska—Dances are being held here in the school house by the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union every Sunday. Many native workers of both sexes attend and are very social. Music is furnished by members of the Union who have string instruments.

In the days when labor racketeers sent men to Alaska instead of free union, the natives did not have much respect for the imported cannery workers. This former bad feeling was caused by the misbehavior of the cannery men on account of the dope and poison whiskey that was more or less forced on them by the racketeer foremen in the old days.

CADDIES WIN STRIKE  
RICHMOND, Cal.—Caddies at the Carmine Golf Club have no union, but they struck spontaneously, picketed and won wage increases.

How that elevator man lived through the day in that box, sure beats me! There wasn't any ventilation, (not so you could notice it!), and I swear the walls were all of three feet thick.

## Elevator Unventilated

We stepped farther inside. We (mom and I) were greeted by a maze of green, red, blue and yellow lines. We proceeded to follow a yellow one, and after a good many false turns we reached elevator Q.

But, if we thought the hospital itself was like a prison, we had seen nothing until we entered the elevator.

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## Glad to Leave

I'm not going to give a full account of the wards, except to say they were about as disagreeable as they come and that the beds were narrow and squeaky.

When four o'clock came, and we had to leave, we got out as fast as we could.

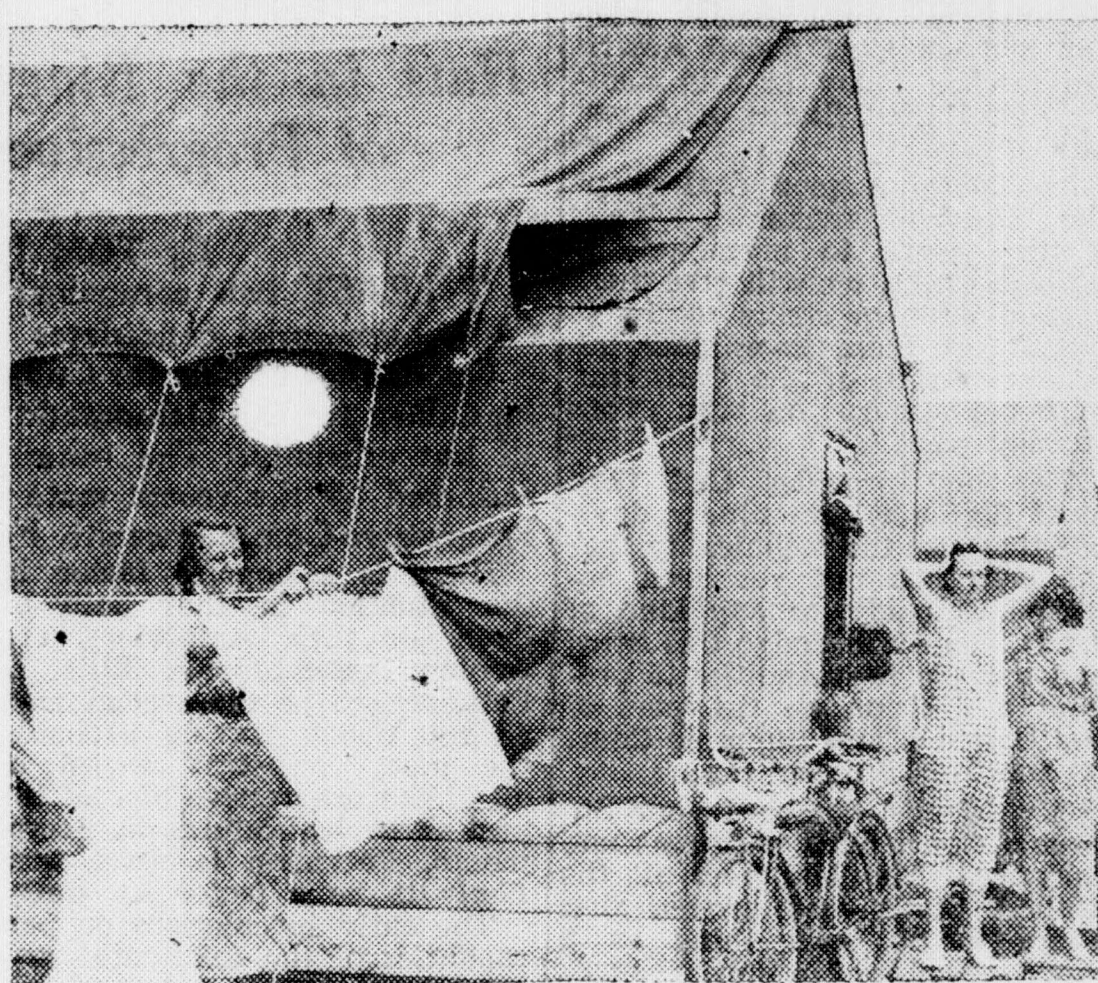
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## "Social Justice" in Coughlin's Town



WHERE FASCIST Father Coughlin talks of "social justice" and thinks up new company union ideas, Royal Oak, Mich., has this scene of 50 jobless families living in this "tent colony" because the Oakland County Relief Committee refused to pay rent for them.

## WHY CIO CEMENT WORKERS STRUCK IN CONTRA COSTA

Cowell Co. Tried to Use AFL to Keep  
Profits; Then Pulled Lock-Out

By a Cement Worker  
CONCORD, Contra Costa County—The town of Cowell, a few miles from here, is owned lock, stock and barrel by the Cowell Portland Cement Co. They thought they also owned the workers until we organized into Local 356 of the CIO Int'l Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers.

The company houses were built about 30 years ago and are very cheaply made, yet cost as much as \$35 a month. One man here worked 10 hours per day, \$100 per month, and paid \$30 a month house rent and \$5 for a garage, although he never owned an automobile.

### Sky-High Rents

Men would draw \$2.50 or nothing at all for two weeks' work. One man worked four months at 80 cents per hour, and owes the company over \$15. One man has paid the company \$37.25 rent for a house which could be built today for half that amount. The boarding house charged \$1.35 for the very poorest food, yet if you complained about the food you were fired.

Every employee was compelled to board or rent a house in Cowell. During elections, company officials ran around telling employees that if they did not vote for Merriam, the company would try to find out how they voted, as the poll was in the company store, and if you didn't vote for Merriam you would be fired.

### Co. Tries to Use AFL

After we were 100 per cent organized, the general manager tried to get the men to join the AFL. He showed letters and telegrams from Bill Green offering to give HIM (the manager) a charter, but the men stood pat and not one would change over to this company union. The general manager is the former head of the builders' exchange in San Francisco, W. H. George.

George called men into his office and personally tried to sign them into the AFL. George has fought organized labor all his life. He was active in that notorious "American plan" open-shop drive a few years ago, yet when he is faced with "mutiny" in his own camp, he sends for the AFL to come to his aid.

About two hours before the plant closed down, two pickets appeared bearing signs saying "unfair to Contra Costa Building Trades Council," although the building trades (AFL) had never made any attempt to organize the place. They said they were being paid \$6 per day for doing this. One said Russ Roberts sent him and the other said he was from Local 304 in Oakland, although he admitted he was not a member of that union.

### Workers Locked Out

Shortly after they appeared, the plant was closed down, the company claiming they were afraid of violence between the CIO and AFL, despite the fact we ordered the phoney pickets away and they never returned. We had been negotiating with the company and were promised we would get their counter proposal that day. Since the plant closed, we have heard nothing from them.

### Organized Strike

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## POOR ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT ALASKA UNION

Alaska Packers Lie About  
Workers in Alaska  
Canneries

By an Alaska Canner  
EGEGIK, Alaska.—A telegram was sent by the Alaska Packers Assn. from San Francisco and forwarded to all company foremen in Alaska canneries trying to discredit the union.

The telegram reads in part: "Karluk, Alaska Cannery crew here inferior to former years (meaning non-union days) slow... incapable, inefficient... etc."

### Poor Attempt

This telegram is nothing but a poor attempt of the APA to discredit the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, as we have proofs that in non-union days, some years the APA used to supply 50 men per line. This year and last year under the union, they have supplied, or rather have forced the union to work each line with only between 33 and 36 men.

Yet the packers admitted last year that they packed the largest pack in history. They also admitted that it was their most profitable year.

Even if their rotten lying telegram was truthful, could anyone blame the union men in Karluk for being "slow" in view of the fact that they are handicapped with a shortage of from seven to 17 men?

Furthermore, the APA did not object in the non-union days for their racketeer foremen to take 50 men per line to Alaska even if some of the men did not work; as there was no placing for them, they were customers. They could at least buy such things as marihuana, dope, whiskey, wine and pay exorbitant prices for all goods bought in the company shop and pay 90 cents for a 15 cent tooth brush.

What counted in those days was the racket.

The APA's anti-union propaganda is destined to flop.

## Fishermen Hooked For Alaska Fee

By an Alaska Canner  
EGEGIK, Alaska—According to a report by a member of the Alaska Fishermen's Union here, all fishermen fishing for the Alaska Packers Assn. and other packers must pay the sum of \$25 to the Alaskan authorities for the right to fish in Alaska.

This is considered a racket by many fishermen as these workers are not in a business of their own. They are just like piece-work workers in the California canneries, who work for so much per trip. The fishermen work for so much per fish.

## Safety Guards Are Needed in Alaska

By an Alaska Canner  
EGEGIK, Alaska—No safety signs of any kind, or safety guards on machinery are provided by the Alaska Packers Association in all their machinery in Alaskan canneries. Such machinery equipment as chain conveyors are open and endanger the workers. Many injuries are due to this fact.

### Legal authorities and the Packers pay no attention to the workers' complaints in this regard.

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## New-Born Hawaiian Islands Fed. of Labor is Growing at Great Rate

By a Worker Correspondent  
HONOLULU, T. H.—Heeding the complete and sincere welcome made by Max Weisbarth, president of the three-weeks-old Hawaiian Islands Federation of Labor, the Waterfront Workers Assn. voted unanimously to join with the HIFL on Sunday, July 19, a day after Weisbarth made his plea for cooperation in the ranks of labor.

### Federation Grows Fast

The HIFL grows. They're coming thick and fast. The Union of Hotels, Restaurants and Bar Catering states that it is all in favor of joining right up with the HIFL. The Plasterers, too, 75 strong, are voting for affiliation with the HIFL.

Already organized unions are anxious to join with the federation and the chaotic elements

of the unorganized are, through the help and power of the federation, becoming a part of the organized.

Organizing the Unorganized  
There could be no better policy than that pursued by the HIFL, the workers will not fight among themselves. With organization of the unorganized as its main purpose, and harmony as its controlling force, the HIFL should become strong enough to realize all the potential power that is labor's own, should become big enough to demand and get all the things that it demands, and finally should become the great iron roller that will flog the double standard of living in these islands on its back, crunch it down to smooth gravel and roll it out.

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# Cannery 'Gets Told' by U. S. Labor Board

By a Worker Correspondent  
HAYWARD, Alameda County—California Conserving Co.'s special kind of "run-around"—directed by Superintendent Roberts—was effectively crushed here recently when Cannery Workers Local 20099, CIO affiliate, elected several more committeemen to supplement the former one-man negotiating committee.

Bill Sehr, militant striker, had in the past been carrying on negotiations. Because of a former friendship between Sehr and Roberts, the workers felt he could more readily gain an audience with Roberts. But Roberts used this friendship to stall and postpone meetings.

### Solidarity Strong

The latest maneuver of the company is to contact individual strikers—the necktie—and try and get them to return to work. In this way they hope to split the ranks of the strikers and defeat their struggle. The ruse has not proved successful and the solidarity of the strikers is as permanent as ever.

Bill Sehr, acting upon instructions from the local called Roberts and demanded an immediate meeting. An usual Roberts evaded and put off the arrangements with the excuse that he was too busy at the moment. He would meet with them some time the following week. This is the same refusal the committee has been faced with for the past few weeks.

### Boss Fears Labor Board

"Well," said Sehr, "the committee is going over to the Labor Relations Board and they wanted to see you first."

Roberts became extremely excited. This was the one thing he was afraid of.

"What the devil do you want to go to the Labor Relations Board for? What good will that do you?"

He blustered and bullied and dared the union to take the matter up with the Labor Relations Board.

### Union Went to Board

The Negotiations Committee then met with Mrs. Rossetter of the Labor Relations Board and explained in detail the lawlessness of California Conserving Co. They pointed out the company had flagrantly violated the Wagner Act, defied the federal law, formed a company union and forced its employees to join. Then they completely ignored the strikers, refused to take them back when the strike was broken, and then violated every verbal agreement made to meet with the negotiating committee.

Mrs. Rossetter took immediate action. She phoned Superintendent Roberts, who stated the company would take the strikers back. He said it was their policy.

### Supt. Was Told

"You'll take them back by the 11th," he was told. Yes, he would take them back by the 11th.

"Well, Mr. Roberts, just verify your statements in writing and send it to me immediately."

He promised to do that.

Mrs. Rossetter told the committee to wait for another telephone call. It was Paul St. Sure, attorney for the Cannery's League. Mrs. Rossetter informed him in no uncertain tones that unless the strikers were reinstated by August 11, it would be considered a lock-out and the strikers would receive back pay since the time they went on strike.

St. Sure informed that it was the policy of the company to reinstate the workers with the exception of two.

### No Blacklisting!

"All but two?"

"Yes, two of them have court convictions." (Nunes and Carozza).

Mrs. Rossetter repeated the company would take back ALL the workers or it would be considered a lock-out.

### Democratic Unionism

To encourage democratic unionism and to insure rank and file control, the executive committee was broadened from seven to nine members.

The union meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, the next meeting being August 10 at which time the present low initiation fee of \$5 will be increased to \$15. New candidates are urged to take advantage of the present low rates and not wait until later when they will have to pay much more.

The enthusiasm shown by all present is assurance that we are going to town and mean to make northern Santa Clara County 100 per cent union without delay.

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# Dickstein Attacks Organized Nazi Activities in Calif.

## CHARGES NAZIS HAVE 6 BUNDS IN THIS STATE

### Hoffman of New Jersey Shown Aiding Hitler's U. S. Lieutenants

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A "well-organized, subversive, un-American spy system" exists in this country, declared Representative Samuel Dickstein of New York, placing on the Congressional Record a list of 46 persons in this country whom he described as Nazi agents and listing locations of Nazi organized groups.

Among these locations were Los Angeles, Oakland, Concord, Santa Barbara, San Diego and San Francisco, all in California, and Salt Lake City, Seattle, Spokane and Portland.

**Public Officials Aid**  
Scoring American public officials who countenance or assist Nazi activities in this country, Dickstein singled out Governor Hoffman of New Jersey and read a telegram from W. J. Carney, New Jersey regional director of the Committee for Industrial Organization.

"We deplore the laxity of Gov. Hoffman in the investigation of the Nazi encampment at Camp Nordland, Andover, N. J.," said the telegram. "Hoffman before the CIO came to New Jersey condemned CIO and enlarged on fact it was going to create violence and seize factories and that he was going to fight CIO with every resource at his command."

"It is significant that Gov. Hoffman had no word of condemnation for un-American goose-stepping Nazis. We request immediate investigation by congress."

**Nazi Sympathizer**  
Hoffman has not only refrained from attacking Nazi activities, but was reported to have sent a telegram of greetings to the Nazi camp when it opened. Moreover, he did everything in his power to save the fascist Hauptmann, convicted kidnapper of the Lindbergh baby, from the death sentence.

Dickstein also asserted another Nazi camp is slated to be opened in California.

"We have recently been visited by another menace," he said. "A new consul-general that was sent here by Hitler, to the state of California."

He named this official as a certain von Killinger, charging that he is working in collaboration with a Col. Archer and George Gysling, German consul in Los Angeles.

## LaFollette Faces Lack of Funds to Continue Probing

### Labor Board Appropriation Also Bottled in House

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Continued activities of the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee of the Senate were menaced today as the committee's funds dwindled while a request for an additional \$50,000 remained in the hands of the Audit and Control Committee headed by the conservative Senator Byrnes of South Carolina.

Similar danger faced the National Labor Relations Board. The situation was made more critical by the current rush of the reactionary forces to adjourn Congress despite the insistence of the administration on passage of vital legislation.

**Curtailment Near**  
By Saturday, the LaFollette Committee was already scheduled to curtail its staff.

The National Labor Relations Board's supplemental appropriation bill was bottled up in a sub-committee of the House appropriations committee. In addition, it was the subject of vitriolic attacks inspired by Tom Girdler, Edsel Ford and E. T. Weir.

**Nye as Stooze**  
As in the case of Wheeler for the opposition to the Supreme Court Bill, they used the "liberal" reputation of Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota to launch a red-baiting attack on the board. The latter used propaganda sent out by the strike-breaking John P. Frey, head of the AFL Metal Trades Department. Nye was challenged by Senators Wagner and Schwellenbach when he retold a story of a Philadelphia minister accusing the board of refusing to hold an election at the Apex Hosiery plant "because the workers were opposed to the CIO." He insisted he had evidence to prove the story, but refused to divulge it.

### LOCK-OUT IN AUTO

DETROIT — Because workers belonged to the CIO Automobile Workers Union, 250 employees of Walter Fry Products, Inc., were locked out here.

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## Fight for Mooney Is Fight Against Reaction in U. S.

### Speech of Vito Marcantonio S. F. Civic Auditorium, July 25

(In his speech at the Mooney mass meeting July 25, President Vito Marcantonio of the International Labor Defense, a former congressman from New York, called upon labor to take the Tom Mooney issue to the picket lines with its economic demands. Declaring that the fight for Mooney is inextricably woven with the fight against American reaction and fascism, he advocated the establishment of a People's Front in America.

This speech is printed here in abridged form.)

Let the reactionaries and those who have been responsible for this frame-up, let the courts, the wardens and the other officials, take notice that while Tom Mooney is the living victim of reactionary terror, at the same time Tom Mooney is the living symbol of unity of labor, and an injury to Tom Mooney is an injury to all labor!

And let them take notice that if any more of these dastardly and cowardly attempts are made against the physical well-being of Tom Mooney while he is in jail, that this is not 1916—this

is 1937. Labor is on the march!

My friends, the same people who framed Tom Mooney, the same war makers, the same traitors to organized labor, are just as active today. The fact that Tom Mooney is still in jail proves that reaction is still strong, but the fact that the American people have not forgotten Tom Mooney, the fact that the movement for the freedom of Tom Mooney is always on the increase demonstrates that the forces of democracy today are ready to do battle with the forces of reaction, and are ready to beat them to a standstill today, right now!

The crisis of the Tom Mooney case comes at a time when his freedom or incarceration depends on whether or not organized reaction today in America is successful or defeated. If the Tom Girdlers, if the Liberty Leaguers, if the organized reactionaries throughout the U. S. are permitted to win their fight today on the industrial battle fronts, then, I say that we will be unable to release Tom Mooney!

In order to release Tom

Mooney, we must defeat reaction and we must defeat American fascism today in this country, the United States of America!

I've heard a good deal about the sitdown strikes. Well, if they want to investigate a sitdown strike, we will give them a good sitdown strike to investigate: Let them investigate the sitdown strike of the California Supreme Court on the Tom Mooney case!

The law provides that they must decide within ninety days, but they use the technicality that the case has not yet been accepted as ready, or any kind of a technicality to dodge this issue, and use the technicalities to prevent a decision on the part of the United States Supreme Court on the Tom Mooney case.

My friends, bombard your Supreme Court with telegrams and messages. The last year in the United States has proven that there is no such thing as a holy sanctuary in the courts. The American people want flesh and blood in the courts; they are going to treat their judges as men. They are susceptible to public opinion.

I make this appeal to all labor, the CIO and the progressives in the American Federation of Labor: I appeal to them to unite on this Tom Mooney issue. If they can't unite on anything else, and in this unity demonstrate not only by bills, but not only by contributions, but to join with their economic demands the demand for the immediate release of Tom Mooney when they take to the economic battle fronts in the future. Let us not be afraid to use the weapon of strike to free Tom Mooney.

My friends, the best guarantee against the terror of the reactionaries is the building in the United States of America of a People's Front. The crisis between the forces of democracy and the forces of fascism is at hand. We can no longer divide by sectarian issues; we can no longer play around with our petty formulas; we can no longer afford to divide over differences of opinion based on philosophical concepts. The danger of fascism is at our very door, right here in the United States of America and unfortunately for us we were not able to choose the time and place of battle.

International fascism has declared war against the forces of democracy throughout the world. Hitler and Mussolini have struck their blow in Spain. The Tom Girdlers, the Liberty Leaguers, have struck their blow in Youngstown, in Chicago, in Madison, along the industrial fronts in the United States of America. They are ganging up to destroy organized labor, all kinds of organized labor: AFL labor; CIO labor.

You gentlemen have a common interest, you leaders of labor; you must unite to fight fascism in America! To build a People's Front will not be difficult. The People's Front will be successful against fascism in America for three reasons: first, because democracy is traditional with the American people; second, because the American people have vividly before their eyes the examples of Hitler and Mussolini; third, because international fascism has been stopped at the gates of Madrid!

Don't be frightened by any red scare, the red scare that was used against President Roosevelt, the red scare that is now being used against Fiorello La Guardia in New York.

They raised the red scare against Roosevelt for what reason? In order to divide Roosevelt from labor. Raised the red scare against the leaders of labor, for what reason? In order to divide the leaders of labor from the rank and file. Don't be fooled by a red scare. Who are the red baiters? They are not the friends of the people. The red baiters are the enemies of the people. Who are the red baiters? The Liberty Leaguers, the finks and the scabs and the Tom Girdlers!

... we want Mooney free; we want Billings free; we want the other class-war prisoners free. Then, I say, a progressive People's front against fascism, and that will bring about victory against fascism and victory for Tom Mooney and Billings and the other class-war prisoners!

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Now is not the time to rest on our laurels. The struggle must go on without letdown or hindrance. Everything must be done now to strengthen the struggle for the freedom of the remaining five boys, by uniting all liberty and justice loving people, all progressive forces in a broad united front committee. The Communists who have from the beginning fought to unite the defense of the Scottsboro boys must continue as the most active fighters in this present struggle.

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## TWO CAMPAIGNS, AT LEAST, ARE GETTING INTO MOTION

### Hats in the Ring to Ask for Votes of Progressives for Governor

By TOM PATTERSON

AT LEAST two campaigns are under way by California gubernatorial candidates looking to the progressive vote.

One is that of Senator Culbert Olson of Los Angeles, whose candidacy for the Democratic nomination has been announced all but officially. The other is Raymond Haight, who was endorsed by the recent state executive board meeting of the Progressive-Commonwealth Federation.

There is a hopeful factor in the situation in that both of them, or their supporters, are wooing Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson to be the second man on the ticket. Having probably the most consistent record of all of the progressive bloc of the past three legislatures at Sacramento, Patterson is more than likely to be a factor for unity.

The early speculations on personalities of the candidates may have importance, but they should not have precedence over the question of whether or not there shall be unity among the progressive forces in the campaign. Even less should it take precedence over the vital task and responsibility of the labor movement to become a factor in the campaign.

It is noteworthy that wherever the progressive bloc came nearest to success in the last assembly on such issues as the majority of the California voters are already familiar with in detail, they could carry the day. Witness the Yorty Little Wagner Act and the Mooney resolution. It only emphasizes the fact that Labor and other progressive forces have to do what they have not done to date: mobilize the people on progressive issues—take part in the coming campaign—and follow up afterwards.

Otherwise we can have more such mandates as that of last November—with a virtual stalemate as the outcome.

### Way Is Open

An aroused progressive electorate can never say that the way is closed to unity in a political campaign. In this case moreover, no one has yet decreed it so. The Progressive-Commonwealth Federation, for example, did not decree in its recent meeting that it will act in disregard of other progressive forces, although it will apparently play an independent role in the campaign.

The primary problem right now is to involve labor in the campaign, to advance the issues and to mobilize the people behind a progressive program. Another apparent prospect is that Senator Olson may be a candidate to succeed U. S. Senator William G. McAdoo in the Democratic primaries. The desirability of the progressives breaking this reactionary hold of the Cotton-Neblett McAdoo crowd is obvious.

But since a large body of progressive voters in California will inevitably express themselves in the primaries only through the Democratic party vote, this would undoubtedly result in other Democratic-progressive prospects coming forward in the gubernatorial race.

### Creel to the Front

Already having influence in the Democratic Party out of all proportion to the mass following for its policies, the Cotton-Neblett-McAdoo crowd is, of course, out for still more. George Creel, be it noted, has become head of the 1939 Golden Gate Exposition, a position from which he may be expected to make many resounding statements to appeal to California patriotism, and few to call attention to the fact that he is progressive in about the same degree as one Frank F. Merriam.

While the Cotton-McAdoo crowd doesn't use the Senatorship in Washington to fight for progressive legislation (McAdoo hedged at the very opportunity even on the court bill) it does give a good illustration of how to use political representation at Washington to build political fences at home.

Judge Robert W. Kenney, who sits on the Superior Court bench in Los Angeles County without

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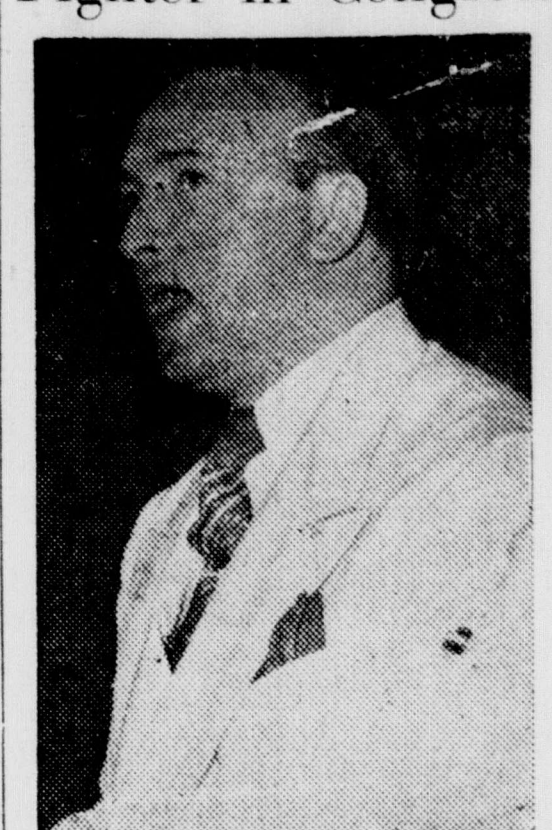
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### Fighter in Congress



Representative Jerry O'Connell of Montana is not only an outstanding member of the progressive bloc in the House of Representatives. He is receiving a wide following in the same state where Senator Bert Wheeler is having a hard time with the electorate. Reading some handwriting on the wall, Wheeler recently executed a neat back-flip by introducing O'Connell's power bill in the Senate after having opposed it for four years.

## SANTA CRUZ GROUP CALLS ON CITY TO FIRE CONSPIRATOR

### Charges Attempt to Stop Rights of Labor

SANTA CRUZ—After a delegation of representatives of organized labor had surprised and stopped a secret meeting between representatives of employers together with the city council to draft an anti-picketing ordinance, the People's Council for United Political Action had demanded removal from the city payroll of one of the chief participants of the plot.

The council demanded action against Stanley B. Huffman, one of the employers' representatives, from the payroll of the city as Milk Inspector.

Huffman and the other representatives did not go through with their scheduled meeting with the city council because the unions, having word of it, arrived and moved into the council chambers.

In the resolution, the People's Council condemned the planned interference and Huffman as "interference with the constitutional right of organized labor" and as "un-American and fascist, and unbecoming a paid employee of our city."

## Labor-Splitting Scored by Union

SAN FRANCISCO—Expulsion of the Filling Station Employees Union and the Cannery & Preserve Workers Union, both affiliated to the CIO, from the San Francisco Central Labor Council, was protested in a resolution adopted on July 28 by the Culinary Miscellaneous Employees Union, Local 110, in regular meeting.

The frame-up charge is part of a campaign of open-shoppers here to block the organization of the workers. The oil workers are now flocking into the CIO Int'l Oil Workers Union, and other workers are strong for unionizing.

benefit of the Times' approval (appointed in 1932, elected in 1934), has announced he will be a candidate to succeed Culbert Olson as state senator should the latter run for governor.

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Judge Kenney came late to the legal profession after a newspaper career both in Los Angeles and abroad. An outspoken liberal his assignment on the bench is in the "law and motion" court which he describes as that of "judicial copy reader."

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## SNIPERS OPEN FIRE ON WAGE & HOUR BILL

### Vandenberg Leads Attack, Proposing Amendments To Cripple Unions

WASHINGTON — Opposition tactics similar to those used on the Supreme Court bill, were indicated here as the Senate began to discuss the bill to set a floor to labor standards.

In some quarters it was hoped debate on the bill could be prolonged until adjournment sentiment swept it into the discard. One of the leaders of the opposition is Sen. Vandenberg (R, Mich.) has a series of amendments which would effectively cripple labor unions by placing them under strict government control.

In the meantime the House labor committee continued consideration of the wages and hours measure and cloakroom gossip persisted that Rep. Mary T. Norton (D. N. J.), new chairman of the committee, is sabotaging the bill. Mrs. Norton hotly denied the charge and, after a conference with the president, said the bill would be reported from her committee soon.

### Labor League Active

E. L. Oliver, executive vice-president of Labor's Non-Partisan League, mailed a letter sent by the league to each senator and representative declaring that "adjournment of Congress before action upon the wages-hours bill will be little short of treason to the people of America."

"It should be said plainly," Oliver wrote, "that the present handling of wage and hour legislation will be a major issue in the 1938 elections and labor will be neither uninformed nor without leadership when that election is held."

Sen. Black (D. Ala.), chairman of the Senate labor committee, opened debate on the measure in the upper house. He emphasized the need for such legislation and declared that its purpose is to decrease child labor, shorten hours and raise wages.

Vandenberg's proposals, originally intended as amendments to the National Labor Relations Act, "forbid unions to coerce workers into becoming members," prohibit assessments "for political purposes or strikes called without the approval of the majority of the employees," "guilt of unfair labor practices could be forbidden to serve as bargaining agents or collect dues."

## Newsboys' Demands Okayed by Council

SAN FRANCISCO — Demands of the Newsboys Union against four local daily newspapers, received approval of the San Francisco Central Labor Council last Friday night. The union's request for strike sanction was to come before the council executive board last Monday night. The union demands are 50 per cent of the price of papers sold for three or five cents, and seven cents on papers sold for 10 cents; guaranteed \$16 minimum per week.

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## Spain

FILM BRINGS  
FUND TO BUY  
AMBULANCES

By JOHN R. CHAPLIN

HOLLYWOOD—With the cinema discovering a new film which is one of the highest artistic milestones of its development, the worldwide movement to defend Spanish democracy gained new impetus with the first public showing of Spanish Earth, produced in Madrid by famed Dutch director Joris Ivens, with a running commentary by novelist Ernest Hemingway.

After brief snatches of the film had been shown at the recent Writers Congress in New York, first showing of the completed work was at the White House, for President and Mrs. Roosevelt and half a dozen guests.

Then Hemingway and Ivens brought the film to Hollywood for its premier. It was shown on three successive days: first, to a select preview audience at the swank Hotel Ambassador, including the press and 100-odd celebrities who paid \$5 each to see it. Press comment was uniformly enthusiastic, with top review stating that Spanish Earth was considered by Hollywood's experts as the greatest film made since the great Russian masterpieces of a decade ago.

Next night, it was shown at the home of the Frederic Marches, to about 20 people, including the Robert Montgomerys, Ernst Lubitsches, and others of the same group. This private showing netted \$14,000, contributed to buy 14 ambulances for the Spanish loyalists.

Next night, at last, the public premiere took place, playing to a capacity house in Los Angeles huge Philharmonic Auditorium, twice as many being turned away as got in. An audience including Adolphe Menjou, Sylvia Sydney, Lionel Stander, Nancy Carroll, Boris Karloff and many more film people, paid \$1000 in admissions and \$2,500 more in collection following a moving address by Ernest Hemingway.

Altogether, the three showings netted close to \$20,000, with an estimated 10,000 Angelenos having tried unsuccessfully to see the film. This vast interest augurs well for the commercial showings which will doubtless follow shortly.

SCREEN UNIONIZATION  
MARCHES ON

Biggest trade union unit in the film industry is now the Screen Actors Guild which, since opening New York offices and extending its field to include east coast film production, has passed the 10,000 mark in membership. The S. A. G. is, however, faced with the loss of its executive secretary, who stated it through its first years and into the much-discussed pact with the producers, Kenneth Thompson, who is intending to return to the New York stage in the fall, to appear in Susan and God. . . Guild awards for best acting in May (just announced) went to guild president Bob Montgomery, as star and Dame May Whitty, as supporting player, both in Night Must Fall. No one suggested partiality, for theirs was beyond doubt the outstanding work of the month. . .

The now-famous Paramount massacre is available through Paramount exchange everywhere, but most local managers have suppressed it on their own. The Paramount Theatre, Los Angeles, has not played it, only two small neighborhood houses here running it to date. Their managers report no disturbances, but that, on the contrary, the public has reacted quietly to it, moved, obviously, not to rioting but to indignation at the police brutality displayed in the reel. If your local theater has not yet played it, a phone call to the manager, as well as to the Paramount Exchange in your community, will be helpful in bringing this vital reel before the wide masses it should reach.

## A Louse Am I

I am a Rooshian commissar,  
I helped to shoot the harmies  
czar.

When I go riding in my car,  
I run down children near and far.

I drink a pint of blood each day,  
And when I don't, there's hell to pay!

Kids and women are my prey,  
Don't you think my life is gay?

While others starve, I sit and eat,  
Until I scarcely keep my feet.  
Orphans and widows I always cheat,  
I lead a life that's hard to beat.

My fate is sealed, my soul  
is acur,  
Of human scum I am the worst,  
My sins will scourge me till I burst.

Say William Green and Randolph  
Heard.

I. WHITE

Migrants Starve on Big Farms;  
CIO Speeds Drive to Organize

By Clint Duff

## Agrarian California

"Human squalor—a picture of approximately 50,000 persons driven to California by dust storms, drought, ill health and debts—awaits the visitor looking beyond the roadside today in the San Joaquin Valley," admits a feature writer of the conservative Los Angeles Times in describing the plight of agrarian wage-workers in the state.

However, this as well as the hundreds of like article appearing in the state's capitalist papers describe the situation as an "emergency." After shedding a few crocodile tears these hired penmen of the farm-owners then hint that within a few short months the situation will be alleviated through the magical processes of "work relief" or "subsistence farms."

But the conditions recently "discovered" in central California have existed for many years and will continue for many more unless drastic and far-reaching steps are taken to change them. The magnitude of the atrocious living conditions of these migratory workers is well shown by two reliable sources. The first source is the special survey made by the State Relief Administration in 1935-36 entitled "Migratory Labor in California." The second is the well-remembered series of 7 articles published in the San Francisco News last fall by John Steinbeck, native son of Salinas and author of the best seller, "Of Mice and Men." What can we learn from these sources?

## MYSTERIOUS MOVEMENTS

About this time of the year, Steinbeck tells us, strange sights are seen on the highroads of the state:

"To the casual traveler on the great highways the movements of the migrants are mysterious if they are seen at all, for suddenly the roads will be filled with open rattletap cars loaded with children and dirty bedding, with fire-blackened cooking utensils. The bare cars and roadolabs on the railroad lines will be filled with men. And then, just as suddenly, they will have disappeared from the main routes. On side roads and near rivers where there is little travel the squalid, filthy squatters' camp will have been set up, and the orchards will be filled with pickers and cutters and driers."

Who are these nomads of the road? Are they "primitive people" who can't force to bathe," as Mrs. Joan Pratt, Tulare county welfare department director, characterizes them?

"No," Steinbeck says, "they are small farmers who have lost their farms, or farm hands who have lived with the family in the old American way (back East). They are men who have worked hard on their own farms and have felt the pride of possession and living in close touch with the land."

"They are resourceful and intelligent Americans who have gone through the hell of the drought, have seen their lands wither and die and the top soil blow away; and this, to a man who has owned his land, is a curious and terrible pain."

This remark is substantiated by Aubrey Williams of Alabama, No. 2 man of the federal relief administration, in a statement issued recently in Los Angeles:

"They aren't stumblebums. Given half a chance, they will become useful citizens. All they need are jobs, sanitation and good food."

Needless to say the great bulk of the 250,000 agricultural workers have neither of these three essentials.

The migratory workers do not have jobs in the sense which this word is interpreted by city dwellers—reasonably continuous employment. Instead they spend at least a third of their working season happily looking for work in the fields.

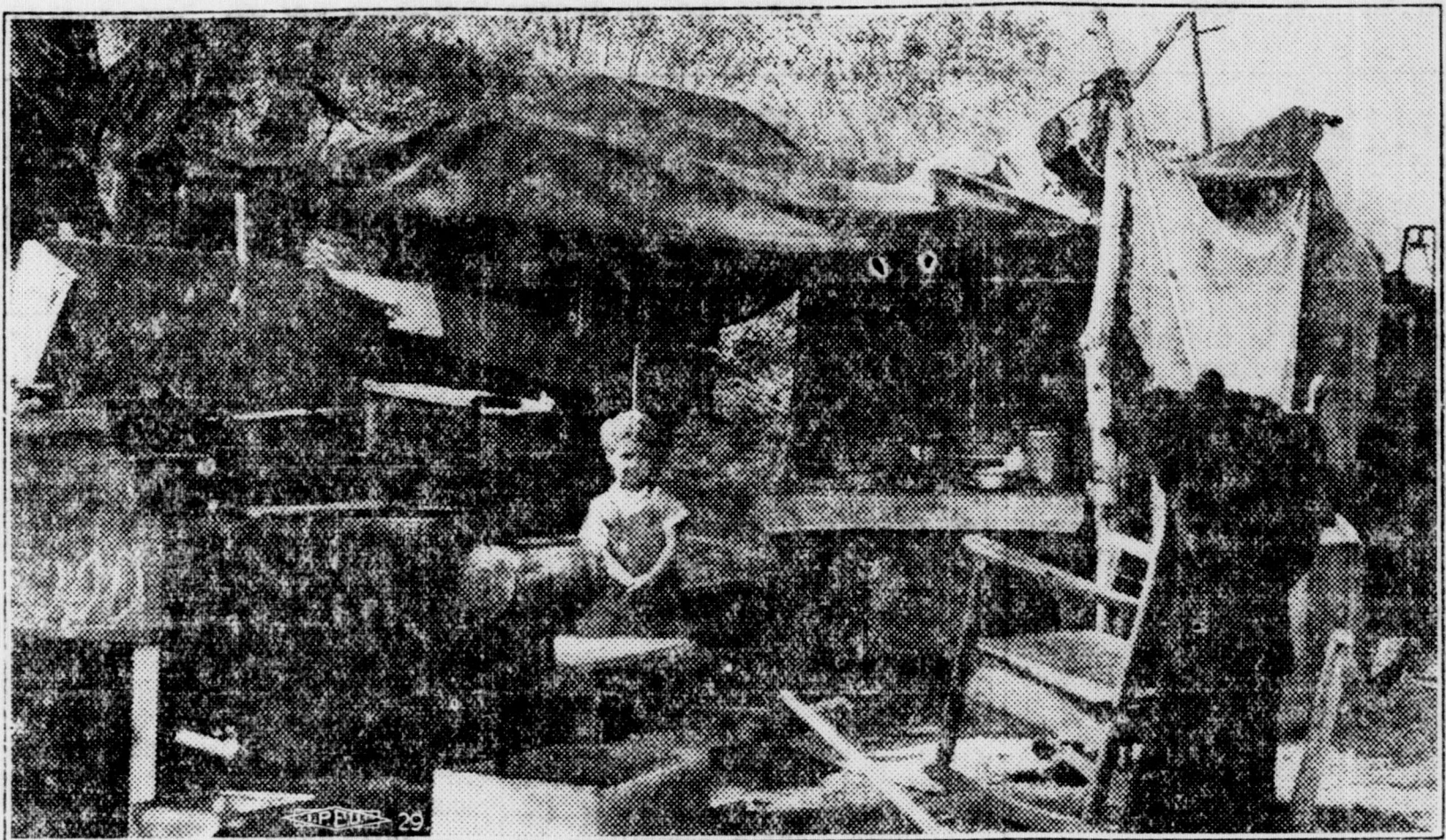
Last season an SRA investigation followed a typical migratory family through the season's work. Here is the report:

"The family (coming down from Idaho) landed in Clarksburg (Eldorado County) and for the last two weeks of April found work for themselves and the older children in lettuce and carrot fields. From here they went to Lodi (San Joaquin County) and picked peas for three weeks in May. Five weeks, ending in the last of June they worked in onions and potatoes near Shafter. They were working in apricots in Modesto in July, and in peaches in Salinas (Monterey County) for two weeks in August."

HARD-WORKING FAMILY STRANDED

The family went from here to Lodi but found no work. They stayed in a large camping ground, living in their car, their trailer and an old tent. They rented the space for their household at \$3 a week but when they had had no work for two weeks the manager of the grounds

## How Migrant Families Live in California



While his parents are out in the fields of the San Joaquin Valley seeking the elusive "decent American standard of living," this child must spend his days, not in a school or children's home, like those provided in the Socialist Republic, but in the filthy, vermin-infested surroundings pictured above. Yet, he is typical of the children of 50,000 migrants from the Dust Bowl to the vigilantes' paradise—Agrarian California

evicted them because "the family was too big." For five weeks ending the last of September they worked at Knights Landing in prunes but this work was irregular. The sledding was hard for the whole family.

And the sledding became tougher after the family found employment picking grapes and at the end of the season found themselves with no prospective work until next April and only \$100 to see the family of seven through the slack period.

Not only are jobs few and far between but with few exceptions they involve the dirtiest kind of work for ridiculously small wages (anything from 15 to 50 cents an hour). Consider for example this description of prune picking by Bob Peterson, a "fruit tramp" as given to SRA investigators:

"The pickers crawl along the ground under the trees filling the buckets with prunes, then dumping them into the boxes. Along about nine-thirty or ten o'clock (they start before daylight) when it begins to get hot the smaller children will begin to slow up, or quit working. If the family isn't broke they let the little kids work or not, as they like, but the older ones are kept moving by promises of new clothes for school, shoes, etc., and sometimes by threats of getting hell licked out of them."

"The little girls will haul water jugs and take care of the babies after they have quit working. The mothers sometimes will sit under a tree nursing a baby and resting. After lunch the going gets tough as the prunes are beginning to soften from the heat. The laughter is all gone,

and kids begin to get slapped. When the prunes get hot they get sticky and your hands are caked with gummy mud. Your knees hurt like hell from crawling on the ground, and your back aches like double be-damned hell. Your back never gets used to prune picking. In the morning when you get up and are cold you can hardly move without groaning."

## SUNSTROKE AND STARVATION

Equally exhausting, according to the same informant, is grape-picking:

"Wine grapes grow on low vines and to pick them you go through a kind of back-to-the-soil movement. You crawl along on your knees or sit on your heels. Sometimes pickers bend over to pick, but because of the heat and the rush of blood to your head it is almost impossible to work this way. You hold the bunches in one hand and cut them from the vine with a short-curved knife."

"The knife is sharpened on the inside of the curve and you draw the knife toward yourself. You place the grapes in lugs that are scattered through the field. The hazards are sunstroke, cuts from the knife and starvation—eating wine grapes causes bellyache. We got five cents a box."

In the packing houses conditions are little better: "The work becomes mechanical, and after a number of hours the sheer monotony is nerve-racking. There is almost a continuous yelling and shouting between the packers in the apple sheds, which relieves the tension, but in the orange

houses where this is not allowed the packers 'blow up' more often. It is usually extremely hot in the packing houses, and, as in the field, the individual is likely to be so covered with sweat that it pours down his face. To prevent the sweat from getting into their eyes, the men packers wrap handkerchiefs around their foreheads."

After ten to fourteen hours of such work, we can readily understand why after work "there is not much social life. Maybe a phonograph or radio run by a car battery, but mostly the gang sings the crap for a while and then to bed. You're too damn tired to think even if you had something to think about. There is little or no reading, and lanterns or candles are used for light."

## SQUATTERS CAMP PICTURED

What kind of dwelling do the vast majority of migratory workers return to after the days work. Let us hear from John Steinbeck what the typical "squatters' camp" looks like:

"It is located on the banks of a river, near an irrigation ditch or on a side road where a spring of water is available. From a distance it looks like a city dump and well it may, for the city dumps are the sources for the material of which it is built. You can see a jigger of dirty rags and scrap iron, of houses built of weeds, of flattened cans or of paper. It is only on close approach that it can be seen that these are homes."

"One family of six," Steinbeck continues in his article, "live in a tent the color of the

ground. Rot has set in on the canvas so that the flaps and the sides hang in tatters and are held together with bits of rusty baling wire. There is one bed in the family and that is a big tick lying on the ground inside the tent."

"They have one quilt and a piece of canvas for bedding. The sleeping arrangement is clever. Mother and father lie down together and two children lie between them. Then, heading the other way, the other two children lie, the little ones. If the mother and father sleep with their legs spread wide, there is room for the legs of the children."

While there are, true enough, a few sanitary camps in the state, these are totally inadequate. For instance in Kern County, one of the chief agricultural districts, there are camps and housing for only 1,700 families although this estimate includes both of the only two federal resettlement administration camps. On the other hand Kern County farmers will employ about 6,000 families in October.

"Thus," states a recent report of the Kern County Health Department, "3,881 families, 22,021 persons, together with the usual percentage of camp followers, scavengers and surplus laborers, will be camped along our highways and ditch banks or crowded into insanitary, uncontrolled squatter camps throughout the county."

The health conditions resulting from the filthy living conditions are too well-known to require further elaboration. In Tulare County alone infant mortality caused by diarrhea and enteritis is triple the national average with fifty babies reported dying of these two ailments last year. With little plumbing or drainage, typhoid, tuberculosis and infantile paralysis run rampant through the families of the ragged half-starved workers.

## CHILDREN CHIEF VICTIMS

The repercussions of such miserable living weighs particularly heavy on the children of the migratory workers who yet have their lives to live. These children are blocked from every worthwhile aim which young Americans have every right to in life: education, jobs and a happy home life.

Real education is impossible at present for these children, missing as they do from one-third to one-half of each year's session on account of the harvest. "Sometimes," says Steinbeck, "the parents will start the older children off to school, but the ragged little things will not go; they hide in ditches or wander off by themselves until it is time to go back to the tent, because they are scorned in the school."

"The better dressed children shout and jeer, the teachers are quite often impatient with them, and additions to their duties, and the parents of the 'nice' children do not want to have disease carriers in the schools."

Furthermore, what chance does Sonya, described by SRA workers as a girl of 22 who has worked in the fields ever since she was 12, have for marrying the man of her choice according to the much-vaunted American ideal?

"Sonya has never had a regular group of friends," reads the report. "Moving all the time, she says 'you just play around with the guys you meet working.' Her favorite leisure time activity is 'making dates with guys' to go to public dances. In good weather she goes swimming in convenient rivers or creeks with 'whatever guy happens to be around.' . . . Sonya entertains her present boy friend in the car as guests offer a problem in a two room house full of younger brothers and sisters."

## IMMEDIATE AND ULTIMATE STEPS

Miserable jobs, miserable living, and miserable futures—these are the lot of the 250,000 farm wage-laborers in the state as well as that of many of the 100,000 small farmers. On the one hand a socialist collective system of agriculture can these thousands ultimately be raised to their proper place in the world as free, happy and prosperous Americans.

But great things can be done immediately to ease this unbearable situation and to be a significant step toward a collective economy. While increase of WPA and relief allotments, construction of more federal camps, and establishment of subsistent farms aided by loans and grants, are important issues to push, they are not the fundamental step for the toilers of field, shed and cannery to take.

That great immediate step, which is now being taken, is the militant organization of all agricultural workers and small farmers under the aegis of the CIO. Only such organization will these toiling thousands be able to beat back the onslaught of the big growers and press forward with their demands for American wages, for American working and living conditions, and for the American right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

## WORKERS' HEALTH

RUSSIA SOLVES SEX PROBLEMS  
WHILE WE JAIL ABORTIONISTS

By Dr. Franklin Bissell

California's recent mock-crusade against abortion crimes, which lodged several offending medics in prison without doing anything about the system which makes it necessary for women to forego motherhood, suggests steps that are being taken in the Soviet Union to solve this universal social problem.

Whereas in the United States, the widespread use of contraceptives is carried on surreptitiously, and hence results in the people often being duped or physically injured, in the Soviet Union the production and sale of contraceptives is encouraged by the State.

A recent issue of the Moscow News carries an article on the effect of this policy which is worth reprinting:

U. S. WILL SEEK  
COLONIES WHEN  
CRISIS COMES

By JOHN PIERPONT

American youth will be forced to maim and kill Cubans, Mexicans, Filipinos, and other colonial peoples in the service of American imperialism when the next crisis comes, according to Economist E. Varga in an article in The Communist International for July.

One of the dilemmas of capitalism, unprofitability of employing capital in domestic production, and the risk of losing it in foreign enterprises, will force the capitalists of our country to "establish politically safe territory for the export of capital," says Varga, in his analysis of the economic situation in the United States.

For the time being, however, the Soviet theoretician believes the tendency to restrict expansion is reinforced by the perspective of economic development. He assumes it probable that "industrial output will continue to rise for another year or two."

CAPITALIST PROSPERITY  
MEANS MASS MISERY

But Varga's predictions, based on Marxist science, leave no room for the wild optimism which is engendered by the financial pages of the capitalist press. He shows the possibilities for further industrial expansion but concludes with pointing out that "approximately one-sixth of the workers of the United States have as yet no normal employment." This ever-growing body of the unemployed is the corrective for any exuberance that comes from reading bank letters and brokerage-house sales-letters.

The article draws political inferences from the economic data presented. Varga's statement that favorable conditions exist for the establishment of a Farmer-Labor, a real People's Party, is based on the logic of facts and figures, which he summarized thus:

"Profound changes are taking place in the conditions of the farmers as a result of the process of class differentiation which has been going on in the course of decades and was accelerated after the war. The central figure in American agriculture is no longer the farmer who together with his family cultivates his own piece of land, as was the case before the war, but the tenant, i. e., the farmer who formally cultivates his own land but is actually deep in debt."

RUIN OF FARMERS AND  
MIDDLE-CLASSES

But the farmer is not alone in reaping the "benefits of capitalist prosperity." Side by side with him stands the "middle-class," the American who dreams of being president of his bank or company and who feels that brains will win out in the struggle for a decent living. Varga shows the actual position of this American and the political significance of his position:

"First of all there are the several millions of artisans, small tradesmen and employers, etc., small businessmen, who, like the farmers have been very much reduced to the position of poorly paid agents of capital. Another section consists of the so-called professional class—doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers, etc., who were particularly hard hit by the crisis. The third section consists of salaried people, among whom are the civil servants, the technical staffs in industry, millions of office employees, and finally, several millions of salesmen and store clerks."

"The position of all these strata seriously deteriorated during the crisis. At the present time most of the small businessmen eke out a proletarian existence."

The conclusion deduced from this analysis is that the American working class of today is more homogeneous and more accessible for trade union and political organization than in the past. We need only observe the mushroom growth of the independent political groups throughout the country in order to agree

"A sharply rising birth rate, a very marked reduction in the number of abortions with an accompanying gain in the health of women, a significant drop in the divorce rate, the expenditure of large sums for direct financial assistance granted by the government to large families and an increase in the number of maternity homes, nurseries, and milk depots are among the outstanding results of the decrease on the prohibition of abortions, increase of material aid to pregnant women, establishment of state aid to large families, etc. The decree was issued June 27, 1936."

## Contraceptives Increase

"There can be no doubt that the decree has played a significant role in this increase, for it permits abortions only in case pregnancy and birth would be harmful to health, upon certification from a competent commission of the public health service. The thoughtless resort to abortions which previously resulted in far too many cases of chronic ill health among women has been stopped. There are indications that the number of illegal abortions has dropped, while the number of so-called incomplete abortions performed in hospitals following abnormal stoppage of pregnancy has declined 4.4 per cent in the cities and 37.8 per cent in rural districts during the first half of this year as compared with a similar period last year. An interesting sidelight on the operation of the law is a large increase in the production and sale of contraceptives."

"Before the new law was passed, Soviet maternity homes had a total of approximately 48,000 beds, and nurseries had facilities for 626,000 infants, plus summer nurseries accommodating 4.1 million children of collective farmers. By June 10 of this year, 250 new maternity homes with 2,400 beds, 641 nurseries for 37,500 infants and 75 milk depots had been built."

"The marked drop in the number of divorces since the publication of the decree reflects the strengthening of family relations and the increased sense of responsibility on the part of parents, husbands and wives. (The decree effected changes in the divorce legislation and strengthened the criminal penalties for non-payment of alimony for the maintenance of children.) As compared with the same period in the preceding year, the decline in the number of divorces during January-May, 1937 was as follows: RSFSR, from 82,000 to 24,331; the Ukraine, from 25,888 to 8,243; White Russia from 3,173 to 850."

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## LEG CRAMPS

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## Schmidt Tells Next Move for Longshoremens Under CIO

### MAIDING EASTERN AND GULF MARINE WORKERS WILL BE GUARANTEE FOR WEST COAST

National Industrial Maritime Fed. Is Next Step, Declares President of San Francisco Longshoremens

By HENRY SCHMIDT  
President of ILA 38 79  
(ILA 38-79 Press Release)

SAN FRANCISCO—Now that the Pacific Coast Longshoremens have voted to affiliate to the CIO, what is the next move? This and the question—what benefits can the CIO give the maritime workers?—are asked often on the docks and ships.

First it must be understood we are now in a transition period, passing through certain stages of development to reach an objective—national unity of all American maritime workers and formation of a National Industrial Maritime Federation. "To unite the West Coast maritime workers with those on the East Coast through democratic and militant organizations dedicated to a unified program and unified action," this has been talked about for years and is the wish and hope of every worker who toils on ship and dock. Further, it is an absolute necessity that this be done if the West Coast unions are to retain and make secure the gains which were gotten through hard and bitter struggle. It stands to reason that as long as the Eastern and Gulf marine workers get less money, work longer hours and toil under miserable working conditions, this is a constant threat to those who enjoy higher wages, shorter hours and better working conditions.

#### Must Help Others

The question then boils down to this: The Pacific Coast maritime unions must help the others improve their conditions if we want to retain our better conditions. This is made possible under the CIO.

The West Coast longshoremens realize the East Coast stevedores would have taken union action in '34 and again in '36 and '37 if they had not been prevented by Ryan and his gunmen. Despite Joe and his beef squads, in several instances longshoremens did take union action but were forced back to the job by other gangs being armed and by terror, police and otherwise.

#### Will Shake Ryan's Hold

Affiliation of West Coast maritime unions to the CIO will cause longshoremens of the Atlantic, Gulf and the Great Lakes to move in the same direction; namely, into the CIO. The CIO means democratic, progressive unionism under rank and file control of its members. This is what West Coast unions have. It is what East Coast workers want and it is made possible for ALL workers by the CIO program.

The uphill and courageous fight of East Coast seamen has won admiration of the workers everywhere. They have repudiated the phoney ISU officials, and through their brilliant struggle have established the National Maritime Union. At this instant they are holding a democratic convention of delegates elected from the ships to formulate a constitution.

#### Solidarity With NMU

The NMU program is to affiliate with the CIO; in fact they are considered a CIO affiliate right now. The NMU, under rank and file control, is causing East Coast longshoremens to question the high-handed tactics of Mr. Ryan. On several occasions, longshoremens refused to obey Ryan's orders, when they are ordered NOT to work ships where there are NMU members.

Recently in Baltimore the longshoremens were pulled off a job. They stormed the office and demanded to know why. When told it was to get NMU and other CIO union men off the ships, they firmly told Ryan to go to hell, and immediately returned to the job. They also threatened to sue Mr. Ryan and Co. for lost time.

The fact that the West Coast maritime unions with the East Coast seamen will soon be under the banner of the CIO will have a tremendous influence on the East Coast longshoremens. Mr. Ryan and his "goons" will have a hot time keeping "his" longshoremens from breaking ranks and joining the progressive march of labor.

#### Pacific Fed. to Continue

The Maritime Federation of Pacific has done much to unify the CIOs and consolidate West Coast unions and aid in securing the better con-

### Catholic Prelate Hits Republic Steel, Urges Labor Unity in CIO Talk

CLEVELAND, O.—Monsignor Joseph F. Smith, Vicar General of the Cleveland Diocese, spoke before 3000 striking steel workers and sympathizers here, declaring that although Republic Steel Corp. had been able to open its plants it did not prove that they were right. Addressing Republic Steel, the veteran Catholic leader said:

**Collective Bargaining Rights**  
"The future will show that you have gone beyond your rights in interfering with the rights of your employees; that you have intimidated them by threats, by arms, and by your company police."

"The men have a right to 'collective bargaining'—they have it by the natural law based on human rights, and they now have it under our own federal law."

**Urges Labor Unity**  
On differences existing between the CIO and the AFL, Monsignor Smith stated:

"I am not present as a partisan friend of the CIO or an enemy of the AFL. As far as each one or both serve the interest of the working class I am with them. It is up to the unions and the leaders to bring conflicting groups together."

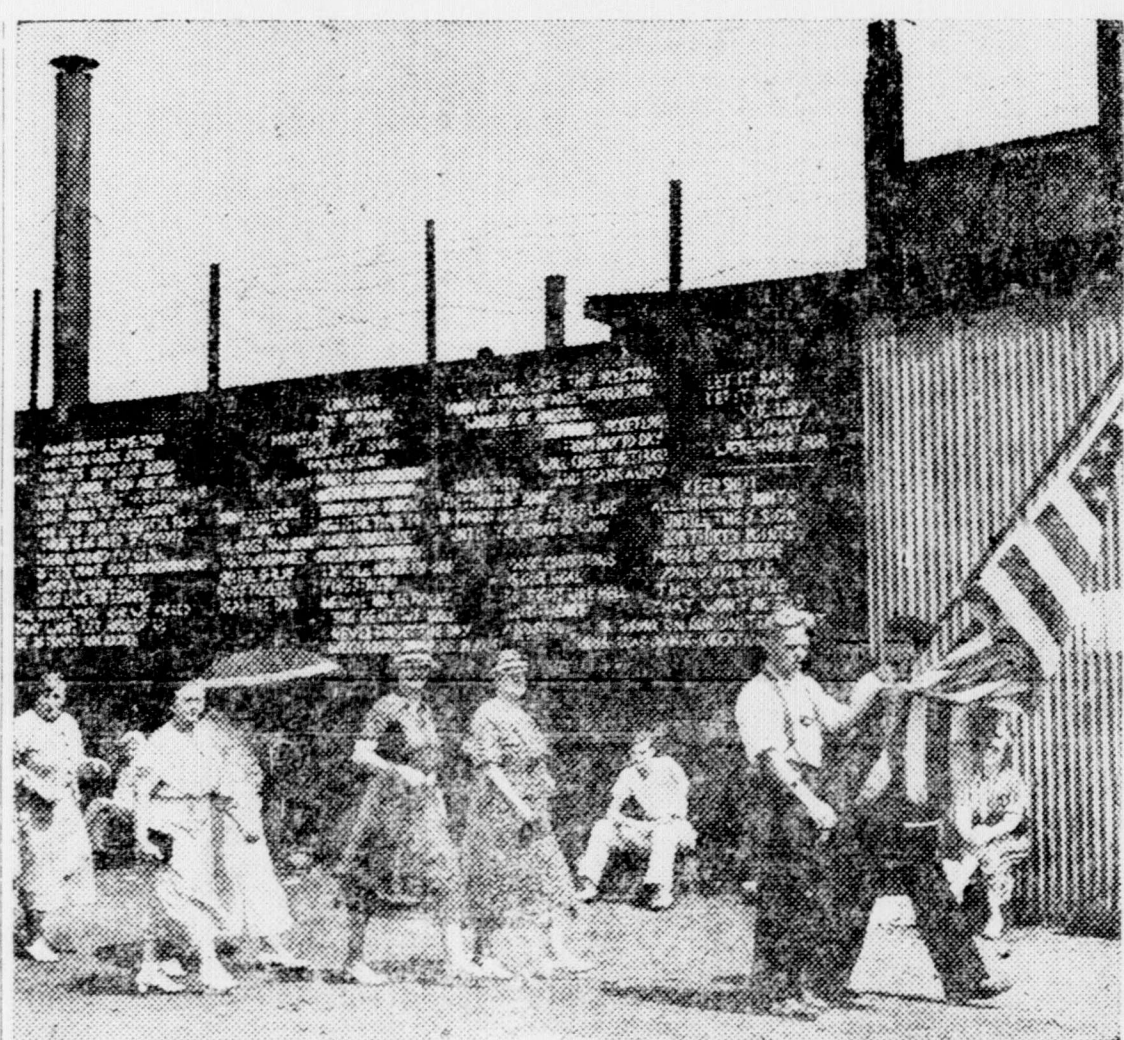
"Good Reason for CIO"  
"Together the CIO and the AFL would be irresistible. Labor can not stand before the American people and expect recognition unless it is united."

"There is good reason for the CIO. In face of the mass organization of industry, the only way for working men to organize in those industries is in mass organizations; that is the CIO."

### East Bay CIO Will Back AFL Strikes

OAKLAND — The Alameda County CIO Industrial Union Council has approved a policy resolution favoring support by CIO unions of AFL picket lines. The CIO is supporting the AFL strike at the Walgreen Drug Store here. The Industrial Union Council has also gone on record for a united Labor Day parade.

### Women and Kids Are Union, Too



SOLIDARITY WITH their men folk is shown by these wives and children of Robins Drydock strikers, marching past plant gates in Brooklyn, New York. Note the union slogans on the walls. The strike has been marked by brutal police slugging of pickets. Mayor F. H. LaGuardia has ordered an investigation.

### STEEL REPORT ENRAGES COPS AND BOSSES

LaFollette Committee Puts Both "On the Spot" for Chi. Strike Murders

CHICAGO — Howls of fury went up from official quarters in Chicago and from the anti-union higher-ups behind the mayor and police when the carefully considered report of the LaFollette Senate committee on the Memorial Day massacre of union men was published.

Col. McCormick, Chicago Tribune publisher, and other back-stage spookshop buddies of Tom Girdler, chief of Republic Steel, thought everything had been fixed up for the murderous cop's jury whitewashed the uniformed killers of union men in a justifiable homicide verdict July 20th.

#### Report Condemns Cops

The LaFollette committee pointed out the police killed 10 men and wounded scores of others, when:

"If the police had permitted the parade to pass down Burley Ave., and in front of the plant gate, under a proper police escort, the day would have passed without violence or disorder, and both the spirit and the letter of corporation (city) council's opinion, as construed by the commissioner of police (for peaceful picketing) would have been complied with."

The LaFollette report further enraged the rulers of Chicago because it indicates the police killed the strikers in direct collusion with the Republic Steel Co., where the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, CIO, was conducting a successful strike.

The Senate committee shows that the police had no fear of their own on the spot, but used Republic supplies and that the police in addition to their regular sticks and revolvers carried ax handles supplied, as Police Capt. Kilroy conceded, from the Republic plant.

#### GIRDLER PAY BIG

WASHINGTON. — Republic Steel Corporation paid its labor-hating chairman, Tom Girdler, \$175,000 in 1936, records here show.

#### SETBACK FOR UNION SLATE

DETROIT.—The labor slate for city council here which sought to pool the voting strength of the AFL and the CIO received a setback with the withdrawal of Pres. Frank X. Martel of the Detroit Federation of Labor.

### Seattle Citizens Rap Mayor Dore as Inciting to Vigilante Activities

SEATTLE—No friend of labor, but a friend to Teamster official Dave Beck's "beef squad" methods and the employers, is what the progressive labor movement here is terming Mayor John F. Dore, who had police chase American Newspaper Guild pickets from in front of the struck Seattle Star plant.

In addition to protests from individual progressive unions, principally from the waterfront, for this action, Dore was served with the following open letter already signed by over 250 citizens:

#### Incitement to Violence

"You are quoted in the press as telling the State Federation of Labor delegates convened at Bellingham that the citizens of Seattle would never tolerate the CIO, and that you will not allow picketing except in the case of strikes endorsed by the Seattle Central Labor Council."

"The Committee for Industrial Organization, a national labor

organization independent of the American Federation of Labor, is lawfully carrying on its activities in this city. Your statement that it will not be tolerated therefore comes dangerously close to an incitement to violence, and your denial of the right to picket constitutes a threat of lawless action by the chief executive of the City, and is a further encouragement of lawless action by others.

#### "Inciting Vigilantism"

"The fact that the recent press reports indicate the intention of Teamster Union officials and other AFL reactionaries to use violence against the CIO and to enlist the aid of the American Legion and the Elks in vigilante action, is a further danger signal."

"We, the undersigned citizens of Seattle, call upon you to set an example of respect for law and to discharge your duty as Mayor to preserve the public peace."

### Labor Board Asked To Name CIO Union In Salinas Case

SALINAS—The Fruit & Vegetable Workers Union, formerly a federal charter, No. 18211, under the AFL, has notified the National Labor Relations Board of its transfer to the Committee for Industrial Organization, asking that it be noted in any decision or award the Board may make in the case of the union's complaint against the Grower-Shipper Assn.

The Board conducted a hearing on the complaint that lasted five and one-half weeks here during last April and May. The union voted 232 to 12 for CIO affiliation on June 24. Secretary Vandeleur of the State Federation of Labor revoked its charter, and then issued an AFL charter, No. 20973, to a company union in Salinas, whose members to the number of about 100 are strikebreakers.

#### MAYOR REFUSES SCAB BOATS

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia said the city would refuse to accept any ferryboats built by scab labor during the strike of 15,000 shipbuilders here.

#### UTILITY WORKERS ORGANIZE

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—City workers, organized into a CIO union, will bargain with water department officials on wages and hours.

### VITAMINS ARE ALL ON THE PICKET LINE

LOS ANGELES — Demanding a closed shop, six-day week and eight-hour day, 30 milkers, feeders and milkhouse workers struck DeVries Vitamin I Dairy at Norwalk Saturday, July 24, under the CIO Dairy Workers Union when DeVries refused to negotiate with the union, saying: "I would rather close down my dairy than sign with the CIO."

Over 400 workers from other fields supported the picket line over the week-end. By Monday, over 800 were on the picket line. Sheriff's deputies are engaged in strikebreaking duty, forcibly escorting dairy trucks through the picket line. Immediately thereafter, over 1200 persons gathered on the picket lines.

Reactionary forces are trying to discredit the strikers by circulating lies that the strikers planned to burn 60,000 bales of hay.

### Sonoma Picket Ban Repeal Is Demanded

PETALUMA, Sonoma County — Carpenters Union Local 981 recently went on record demanding that the county Board of Supervisors repeal the anti-picket ordinance which it adopted under pressure of the Associated Farmers and other anti-labor groups, and urged other unions to take similar action.

## From 35,000 to 350,000 in Year Is Record of Auto Workers

By B. K. GEBERT

The International Union, United Automobile Workers of America will hold its annual convention on August 23rd in Milwaukee, Wis. This is the second annual convention. A year ago this union held its convention at South Bend, Ind. and successfully rid itself of the domination of the Dillon clique of the AFL. It had only about 35,000 members at that time.

When it opens its session at Milwaukee this year, it will register a phenomenal growth. Delegates will represent 350,000 members. This growth is part of the general growth of the unions of the CIO, of which the auto union is a part. The growth of the union could not have been possible without the general organizational drive of the CIO in mass production industries, such as rubber, steel, textile, iron, aluminum, marine, agricultural, transport, government employees, office workers, etc.

#### Victories Won

The auto union is an industrial union in the full sense of that word. It is a progressive union. Last year was a year not only in growth of the union but was a year of victories as well. The outstanding victory is the agreement with the General Motors Corporation, which came after 44 days of heroic strike struggle of the auto workers. The auto workers by means of sitdown strikes and effective methods of struggle, particularly in Flint, secured a victory. Later agreements were reached with the Chrysler Corporation as well as a number of smaller corporations.

As the result of these victories auto workers have gained higher wages, shorter working hours, and more security on the job. The auto industry, the seat of the open shop, became a stronghold of unionism. In this mass production industry workers are not only organized but through the assistance of the shop stewards and bargaining committees

are adjusting their grievances and daily problems in the factories, forcing the corporations to live up to their agreements. Company unionism, which flourished during the open shop days, has been reduced to a minimum. Only skeleton company unions exist today in auto industries.

#### Victory Through CIO

These victories and achievements were made possible because of the guidance and influence of the CIO and unity within the ranks of the organization. The South Bend convention last year was an example of unification of all the constructive forces, although at that time it was a small organization, but maintaining that unity and militancy of the workers, it made possible the achievement of these victories.

But the union is also confronted today with many problems. Outstanding among these are:

A. To renew the contract with General Motors, which expires on August 11th, to secure improvements of conditions, shorter working hours, increased wages, and to establish sole collective bargaining rights in all G. M. plants. (At present the union has sole collective bargaining only in 19 shops out of 69 in the United States and Canada.)

B. The organization of 125,000 Ford Workers. Concretely, the organization of the River Rouge plant of King Henry, where 90,000 workers are employed; and where Ford declared war against the UAW by means of terror such as we witnessed in the on-slaught on organizers and members of the union who attempted to bring union literature to the Ford workers on May 26. Henry Ford in an effort to fight the union has built up a terrorist band known as the service system, which has a large percentage of well-known gangsters and criminals, who are being used as the spearhead in the struggle against legitimate trade unionists. Ford inspires to the position of Girdler in the auto

industry! Ford likewise promotes company unions, such as the Ford Brotherhood of America, and the Workers Council for Social Justice, which has been inspired by the pro-fascist radio priest, Father Coughlin. The task then confronting the union is to complete the job of organizing by concentrating and organizing Ford workers so as to reach the objective of a uniform national agreement in the auto industry.

The Ford workers belong today to the lowest paid workers in the auto industry. Their brother employees at General Motors, Chrysler, and other plants are enjoying today much higher wages, better working conditions, control of the speed-up, etc.

Just to point out the conditions that exist in the Ford factory is to bring to attention the fact that in the River Rouge plant alone at the present time, nearly 12,000 cripples are being employed. Henry Ford does not hire cripples. He selects the most healthy, the strongest, youngest workers for employment. These cripples are the victims of the murderous speedup which makes cripples out of the workers. They are the victims of the Ford system of speedup in the factory. According to official figures of the Ford Motor Company, annually, 700,000 cases of injury take place in the River Rouge plant alone. That is, each is being injured in production about eight times a year. This is an unheard of situation and it is possible only in the Ford plant where there is no union and where the workers are driven by the bosses and the service men at the conveyor and throughout the plant by a merciless speedup.

#### Union Will End Speedup

Organization of the Ford workers into the union would mean putting an end to this situation. It would mean protection of life and health, an increase in wages, and that the Ford work-

ers could be free men. Today they are being enslaved by what is known as Fordism.

The Ford Motor Company likewise dominates and rules the city of Dearborn, where the Negro workers are not permitted to live, although Ford employs a large number of Negro workers. They are not considered "good enough," as far as King Henry is concerned, to live in the city of Dearborn. King Henry is that kind of a friend to the Negro people. Organization of the Ford workers would also mean challenging the political control of the city of Dearborn by Henry Ford. The struggle to organize the Ford workers for democracy, for unionism against feudal industrial relations, existing in the factories and in the city of Dearborn.

The Auto Workers Union has grown and established its organization from coast to coast wherever automobiles and aeroplanes are built but it is confronted today with many problems. A number of unauthorized strikes have taken place, primarily around the question of grievances of the workers who fought for enforcement of the agreements. The managements everywhere refused to settle just grievances of the workers and provoked strikes with the object in mind to discredit the unions and the CIO in an attempt to mobilize public opinion to the idea that the union is not responsible. In reality it is the corporations who are not responsible because it is their policies and tactics that on many occasions forced the workers to strike.

We stand definitely and squarely against unauthorized strikes. We are for disciplined unions. Discipline is an integral part of all unions. Without discipline unions are weakened and susceptible to the destruction of the employers. We Communists particularly value discipline and support it. Only through a solid,

unified and organized front of labor against the employers can the unions smash their insidious attacks. The quality of discipline in a trade union as well as in an army is a definite indication of the trend of strength and security of the organization. Unauthorized actions on the part of the workers in a given department or factory do not take into consideration the interests of the union as a whole and therefore jeopardize their own security. Unauthorized actions must not be tolerated. To prevent unauthorized action, it is necessary to observe all the rules of democratic procedure that all strike action declared must be by the consent of the membership, as well as the settlements of the strikes, which must also be acted upon by the membership, with the cooperation of the international officers.

#### AUW Progressive

The Auto Workers Union, a progressive union, a militant union, a CIO union, has to its credit the achievements on the economic field, lifting of wages, shortening of working hours, improvements of working conditions and also participation in numerous progressive actions and above all its clear-cut stand on the political situation.

In Detroit the UAWU is part and parcel of the movement for a People's Ticket in the coming election, a ticket that embraces labor and progressive forces of the community, challenging the rule of the City Hall by big business. The UAWU, inspired by its leaders, protested against the special act in Michigan that would curtail the right of picketing. With pride the union can point to the gigantic demonstration of 150,000 people in Cadillac Square in solidarity with the striking women and men in the cigar factories, who had been brutally evicted from the factories by the Detroit police, headed by the infamous chief of police, Henry Pickett. It demonstrated also against the ter-

ror launched against the steel workers in Monroe, Michigan.

The Union developed many sided activities, sports, educational, cultural and other activities. It assisted in the development of the women's auxiliaries. It can be truly said that this union is a progressive union, worthy of membership in the great CIO, and finally it should be pointed out that this union has developed actually thousands of active people among the auto workers, in the shop steward system, local functionaries, etc.

#### Able Officers

No small credit for this achievement goes to the International officers of this union, headed by Homer Martin. The present officers, elected practically unanimously at the last convention, have proven to be worthy of the confidence that the convention placed in them and there are also additional forces that contributed very much to the accomplishments of the union. New forces have grown up in this period and therefore all the constructive forces who assisted in building and guiding this union should be incorporated in the leadership that the Milwaukee convention will elect.

The Milwaukee convention must declare itself for irrevocable unity of all constructive forces as the best assurance of future progress in building this powerful union and as the best answer to the enemies of the union who would like to see it weakened. All those who stand for a powerful auto union must rally their fullest support for unification of all constructive forces and make this union a symbol of united ranks, and to display the unity and solidarity at the convention that existed during the heroic strikes and picket lines of the last year. Under the banner "Victory and Unity," the Milwaukee convention can pave the way for even greater achievements for the coming period.

### CIO CANNERY-FIELD DRIVE GETTING SET

Organizing Committee Asks Locals to Pass on 3 Propositions

SAN FRANCISCO—Locals of the Cannery & Agricultural Federation of California, affiliated to the Committee for Industrial Organization, have been asked by the Federation's Organizing Committee to pass on three propositions, as follows:

1. That a District Convention be called on September 4.

2. Approval of the use of the Cannery & Agricultural Federation of California as administrative apparatus until the convention sets up the district machinery.

3. The slate of organizers proposed for the various sections in the district.

The Organizing Committee has set up headquarters at 593 Market St., Room 506-07, San Francisco, to act as the temporary administrative body not only of California, but also of Arizona, Nevada and the Hawaiian Islands, which are included in this district.

**Charter Membership**  
Word has been received from the United Cannery, Agricultural Packing & Allied Workers of America, set up at the recent Denver convention, that members of unions represented at that convention can become charter members by filling out charter application blanks, and paying "or capita tax to the International office on July membership on the following basis: 20 cents per month if dues are 54.75 cents a month, 25 cents if dues are 75 cents-\$1.50 a month, 30 cents if dues are \$1.50 or more. No charter will be issued for less than 15 members.

#### Initiation Fee Waived

The minimum 50 cents initiation fee per member will be waived for unions represented at Denver if they affiliate in a reasonably short time.

Membership books, dues stamps, the union's constitution, proceedings of the convention, union buttons, etc., are now being prepared by the International office.

### Typo Leader Hails Field Int'l Union

DENVER, Colo.—"You have an opportunity of becoming one of the strongest in the United States," declared Wm. Tanner, who headed a delegation from Int'l Typographical Union Local 39, Denver, to greet the recent convention of agricultural and cannery workers held here. "Labor is on the march and the benefits of civilization will be won for the humblest worker in the land. This is the surest guarantee that we will maintain our democracy and prevent a fascist dictatorship," said Tanner.

"We are a craft organization, but we stand badly in need of unity in the printing trades."

### Ship Sabotage Claim Is Contradicted

BALTIMORE, Md.—The small loss of life (two dead, two missing) when the old sternwheeler City of Baltimore burned in Chesapeake Bay last week was due to the efficiency, skill and calm of the crew. According to acting Marine Inspection Director H. S. Shepherd.

The inspector's praise for the crew offered a sharp contrast to charges of "strike sabotage" by Captain H. C. Brooks of the City of Baltimore. Shepherd blamed the fire on an explosion of alcohol, and members of Congress severely criticized the shipment of highly inflammable cargo on passenger-carrying vessels.